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GERMANY'S OIL HOPES SHAKEN

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Bucharest, To-day.

According to economic experts, Rumania's oil deliveries to Germany in January will not exceed 20,000 tons, as against a normal monthly average of 130,000 tons.

The present figure constitutes an all-time low record and is due to the complete disruption of communication facilities by rail as well as by water.—Havas.

MENACING SOVIET TONE

London, To-day.

According to the Moscow radio, the replies of Norway and Sweden to the Soviet protests against the facilities given for aid to Finland "cannot be regarded as satisfactory."

The announcement added: The attitude of Norway and Sweden, especially Sweden, as revealed in their answers "only proves their lack of resistance against the Powers which exert pressure to involve the Scandinavian countries in the present conflict."

SOVIET CHARGES

Moscow, To-day.

It is disclosed by the Tass Agency that the U.S.S.R. protested to Norway and Sweden over what was described as their anti-Soviet policy.

It is alleged that newspapers closely connected with the Government of both countries and certain personages, with the connivance and support of the Swedish and Norwegian authorities had begun a widespread campaign against the U.S.S.R. and had also embarked on actions incompatible with the proclaimed policy of neutrality.

DIPLOMATIC APPROACH

The Tass Agency adds: In view of this situation, the Soviet Ministers in Sweden and Norway were authorized to make appropriate representations. The Soviet Minister delivered a declaration to the Swedish Foreign Minister stating that during December the newspapers were hostile to Russia,

TOKYO, TO-DAY.
EARLY COMMENT IN INTERNATIONAL CIRCLES HERE STRESS THAT ADMIRAL YONAI, WHO IS ENDEAVOURING TO FORM THE NEW CABINET, WAS CHIEFLY RESPONSIBLE ON THE JAPANESE SIDE FOR THE FAILURE OF THE PROPOSED MILITARY ALLIANCE WITH GERMANY AND IS KNOWN TO HARBOUR MODERATE VIEWS TOWARDS BRITAIN.

Consequently, it is thought likely that the new Cabinet will halt the drift towards the Soviet, which marked the last stage of the Abe government, and will try to normalize relations with London and Washington.

Such a policy has the tacit encouragement of the majority of the Japanese people.

Meanwhile, the following reasons are given to explain why General Hata was not entrusted with the formation of the new Cabinet:—

Although the ban on General Hata, who is a General on active service, was lifted by a conference of Army leaders early this month, strong objections were voiced against his policies by certain Army circles which feared a situation arising from decisions taken against the Army's wishes by a Premier who was also a General on the active list.

On the other hand, it is rumoured that influential moderate elements backed General Hata, with the secret hope that he would fall in the difficult task and that his departure would eliminate the Army from politics for good.

HATA'S STAND

General Hata himself clearly realized the situation and is reported to have told friends:—

"If people make a case of me, it is because I have a sword at my side. The Army is supposed to be the propelling force behind the Government—not the Government itself. I am willing to push ahead, but I cannot push and be pushed at the same time!"—Havas.

EMPEROR CALLS FOR CO-OPERATION

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Tokyo, To-day.

After an audience with the Emperor, General Hata informed Army leaders that the Emperor had "explicitly voiced the desire that the Army co-operate with Admiral Yonai."—Havas.

headed by a newspaper closely connected with the Government, which carried on a campaign which was only applicable to Sweden were in a state of war with Russia, and that the newspapers were hostile to Russia, for war against the U.S.S.R.—Reuter.

DUTCH CABINET MEETING

The Hague, To-day.

A special meeting of the Cabinet was called last night to discuss the international situation, but no statement has yet been issued.

The Army order cancelling Army leave affects 50,000 officers and men.—Reuter.

SINISTER NAZI ACTIVITY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Copenhagen, To-day.

Concentrations of German engineer units are reported along the whole length of the Dutch border, with special strength concentrated in the Borcholt - Borken - Wesel triangle, on the north bank of the Rhine.

Special units, equipped with small motor launches, are reported to be ready. The launches have on board scores of motor-cycles armed with machine-guns.

These units have arrived in the same sector.

Abnormal transportations of troops have been noted throughout Germany.

Numerous planes are concentrated along the Belgian and Dutch frontiers.—Havas.

WEATHER FORECAST:—East winds, moderate; fair.

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CABINET'S CALL FOR NATIONAL SACRIFICE

London, To-day.

THE GOVERNMENT has launched a platform campaign to enable Ministers to make direct contact with the public and speak on various aspects of the war.

The Prime Minister started the ball rolling with his speech on Tuesday at the Mansion House and this was continued at Glasgow on Saturday by the Chancellor of the Exchequer. Both spoke more on the means and methods of the war rather than the war itself, and this is taken up by yesterday's British press.

The "Sunday Times," for instance, says that the people of Britain on the whole know why they are fighting. They want to be told not that sacrifices are necessary, but what sacrifices and why.

The main question, continues the paper, is: Are we all doing everything in our power to restrict consumption and keep down prices and from making undue demands on shipping and purchasing resources?

Are we, asks the paper, doing anything to prevent prices and wages from going upward in a vicious spiral which benefits no one in the long run and endangers all?

So far, this problem has been met by taxation, the promotion of savings, and rationing.

HIGH INCOME TAX

Taxation, says the "Sunday Times," is mainly directed at the better-to-do classes, and at the very top, income tax and surtax now amounts to 17 shillings in the pound. But two-thirds of the consumption of Great Britain is by those earning less than £5 a week.

Here was the necessity of thorough co-operation from the workers, and so savings came into being.

Rationing also restricts consumption and prices, although that is not its primary aim. In spite of this, the vicious spiral of rising prices has become evident by the rise in the cost

of living and an according increase in wages of several of the larger groups of workers.

DEFINITE ATTITUDE

As a general movement upward is imminent, says the "Sunday Times," the Government must take a more definite attitude about it.

On the other hand, "Reynolds News" declares that Mr. Chamberlain's plan to prevent wages and prices from going up would be more burdensome on the housewife than on Big Business and attacks any idea of keeping wages at a fixed low level.—Reuter.

QUIET DAY IN KARELIA

London, To-day.

A Finnish communique received here states that there was a quiet day in the Karelian Isthmus on Saturday.

On the eastern frontier, an enemy attack was repulsed with heavy losses.

The enemy made heavy air-raids, especially against places in south-west Finland.

Five enemy planes were shot down, and unconfirmed reports state that seven more were also brought down.—Reuter.

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INSPIRING SPEECH BY MR. EDEN

London, To-day.

Mr. S. M. Bruce, High Commissioner of Australia, and Mr. Anthony Eden, British Dominions Secretary, yesterday inspected R.A.F. Coastal Command Headquarters.

In the personnel of the Station is a unit of the Royal Australian Air Force—the first complete Dominion air unit on service overseas.

After warmly welcoming the Australian airmen in a brief speech, Mr. Eden said: "There is no doubt of the task that lies before us and no doubt of the nature of the struggle in which we are engaged. The present leaders of Germany want world dominion. To be fair to them, they have been quite frank about it and they have told us Hitler calls it 'peace under the protection of German power.'"

GERMAN POWER

"There are several small nations who have already learned what the protection of that power means. It is peace for them to the death.

"Curiously, these people are quite sincere when they say to us that they want to give us the protection of German power and they cannot quite understand why we do not want it. But we don't. We have our own view which is just the opposite: that peoples, great and small, should be allowed to live their own lives in freedom as they would.

"It is therefore, a struggle for world civilization. The outer defences, some of the small nations, already have been overrun and it is its great bulwarks which are now being attacked. If they were to fall, there would be no lasting peace for freedom loving nations anywhere. The struggle in which we are engaged is one not only for ourselves but for our children and our children's children.

COMMON EFFORT

"It is because you understand that so well that from Australia and elsewhere in the British Commonwealth you have come to join us in the common effort. It is because of that fact, because you are here and because countless other thousands in the British Commonwealth are in this struggle, that we are confident of the final victory."

Mr. Bruce, addressing the Australian airmen in particular, said: "We are all in this war. We are going to co-operate and see it through and we are going to win. Honour and prestige and the good name of Australia reside in your hands. We are looking to you with confidence to uphold it as the men of the A.E.F. did in the last war."

AUSSIE SQUADRON

The Australian squadron is operating the flying-boats which, it will be recalled, were ordered for the Royal Australian Air Force early last year and which, with the consent of the Australian Government, remained for duty with the R.A.F. together with personnel. The remainder of trained personnel to bring the squadron up to full strength arrived from Australia on Boxing Day.—British Wireless.

AMERICAN TOURISM

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Washington, To-day.

President Roosevelt has proclaimed 1940 to be a "year of American tourism" since the European conflict has prevented American citizens from travelling to Europe. — Havas.

U.S. TO SELL SHIPS

Washington, To-day. The American-Hawaiian Steamship Company has applied to the Maritime Commission for permission to sell the cargo ships "Delawarean" "Louisianan" and "Indianan" to a British firm.—Reuter.

NAZI MACHINES MAKE OUR ARMS

Britain is using machinery made in Germany to wage war against Hitler. A tour of an armaments works yesterday disclosed that ponderous complicated pieces of machinery labelled "Berlin" or "Hamburg" make predictors with which British soldiers calculate the range at which to set anti-aircraft guns.

The firm making them once concentrated on the manufacture of gramophones and wireless sets. The problem was to find in sufficient quantities and as rapidly as possible machinery capable of making certain parts of the predictors. The search led to Germany.

Meantime, other British firms, are busy making machinery in the quantities required. The manufacture of radio sets for the domestic market has slumped owing to the war, but the companies whose headquarters were visited yesterday have rapidly switched over to war needs.

Television received a set-back as a result of the war, but the men who made the sets in peace time are now making special wireless sets for the Admiralty, which are being fitted in warships for the recreation of officers and men.

The sets are especially powerful, capable of picking up British broadcasts in all parts of the world, and they are submitted to a special vibration test lasting eight hours before being sent out. This ensures that they will not be thrown out of order by the firing of big guns.

NAZI LACK OF PLANES

An Italian journalist with the German Army on the Western Front reports that the following information was volunteered to him by an officer of the Supreme Command:

An air offensive on a large scale has not yet been attempted because it could not be efficiently undertaken and continued unless four reserve machines are available for every one on the front.

The Germans have not yet reached this stage of preparedness, but expect to do so within a short time.

It is doubtful whether the French and the British could ever have such an enormous number of aircraft available. Hence the conclusion has been drawn that the French and the British will never be able to assume the offensive.

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Big Crisis Looms In Japanese-American Affairs

SURVEY OF U.S. APPROACH TO WAR PROBLEMS

London, To-day.

THE DEVELOPMENT OF American public opinion in relation to the war was the subject of a talk by Mr. Raymond Gram Swing, the noted American commentator, which was recorded direct from the United States on Saturday and broadcast yesterday.

After President Roosevelt's recent speech, he said, the development to watch for was the public reaction to what he said, for it contained one or two more important ideas and if these roused any great opposition one would know what to expect.

President Roosevelt's first conception was that the American people are bound to be affected by the outcome of the war in Europe and must also have a part in the peace.

There are two schools of thought in America, Mr. Gram Swing went on, the first believes that the United States cannot live a life of peace except as a member of the world at large, while the second believes that the United States is sufficiently self-sufficing and its place in the Western Hemisphere so secure that it would be a grave mistake ever again to be involved in European or Asiatic conflicts.

When the President came out with the doctrine of one school, it was to be expected that the other school would challenge him and make it a major issue; the consequent public reaction would provide a good estimate of American opinion.

NOT CHALLENGE

But the speech was not really challenged, and no major disagreement was voiced. The message was taken as a whole and won the widest approval. Although there was a negative reaction, it did round out the importance of the message of the President himself.

Such a message should be compared with earlier ones. At the outbreak of the war, the President spoke to the country by radio from the White House, in which he said that even a neutral has the right to take account of the facts and even a neutral cannot be asked to close his mind or his conscience.

TANGIBLE DEVELOPMENT.

In his message to Congress last week, the President stressed that there is a vast difference between keeping out of war and pretending this war "is none of our business."

One could see the difference between these two statements, and one could sense a quite tangible development. American opinion has developed less rapidly than it would have if the war had been more intense to date, but here is a ripening of thought and of judgment.

There is, Mr. Gram Swing went on, nothing harder than to try and draw up a statement of public opinion which even approximately represents the opinion of a nation of 130,000,000 people. Most of them do not think—that is, they do not think ahead; they respond.

ROUND TABLE TALK

But a round-table conference was recently called by the magazine "Fortune." Its members were chosen from all walks of life—a businessman, a labour leader, a retired naval expert, a contractor, and so on. These men

had time to thresh things out and come to a sort of agreement.

Fourteen of the 16 members of the round-table accepted a statement on the following lines:—

The round-table believe that if the war in Europe results in a German victory or a social revolution, it will seriously injure the welfare of the American people;

If the war in Europe leads the people of Europe to adopt a totalitarian system, and the United States became the one remaining democracy in a totalitarian world, it would live under the fire of attack from without and subversive propaganda from within, and might develop a native totalitarianism of its own;

American military commitments would be increased by the success of Germany in sinking or acquiring the British Navy, or the success of Japan in China.

NO TO COME IN

The round-table rejected participation in the present war under the circumstances now visible, but also rejected the abandonment of United States' world position through the surrendering of neutral rights or acquiescence in Japan's aggression on China.

The round-table was of the opinion the United States should refuse to recognize the Japanese "New Order in Asia," and should help China (by embargoes against Japan or Government aid to China).

It approved American participation in organizations for peace. It then went on to deal with domestic problems.

Here are the views of 14 men, Mr. Gram Swing continued. One man believed the United States should extend active aid to the Allies. One believed Communism is closer in a long war and that the United States should induce the belligerents to stop fighting, or else prepare to meet the debacle alone.

TYPICAL THOUGHT

This is a presentation of typical American thought, he went on. The general impression is that the United States is bound to be affected by the war and believes in the same principles as the Allies, but does not come to the conclusion that the United States should now enter the war.

It does not take much wisdom to know that a free people do not go to war unless and until they have to, he continued. Englishmen can look back on developments in Europe and know how true this is.

In 13 days time, the trade agreement between the United States and Japan expires. On that day, the whole

PRINCE PAUL AT CROAT CAPITAL

BELGRADE, TO-DAY.

PRINCE PAUL, REGENT OF YUGOSLAVIA, PAID AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO THE CROAT CAPITAL, ZAGREB, YESTERDAY, ACCOMPANIED BY THE PRIME MINISTER, AND ENGAGED IN FRIENDLY DISCUSSIONS WITH DR. MATCHEK, THE CROAT LEADER.

In a speech from the balcony of the palace, Prince Paul declared that the Yugoslavian peoples, the Serbs, Slovenes and Croats were now united and would work together. This unity meant that they were nationally prepared for anything that might happen in the future.—Reuter.

AT STAKE IN THE WAR

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

VERDUN, TO-DAY.

IN A SPEECH ON THE OCCASION OF THE DECORATION OF GENERAL CARENCE AND GENERAL BELHAYE WITH THE MILITARY MEDAL FOR VALOUR, PRESIDENT LEBRUN STATED THAT THE PRESENT WAR WAS NO LONGER A MERE MATTER OF ALTERATION OF FRONTIERS DEMARCATED THROUGH PAST INJUSTICES.

"The stake is greater. It is a question of triumph of civilisation over savagery; of right over force."

"Civilisation cannot perish. Taught by experience and in agreement with our gallant British Allies, we are determined to lay the bases of just, lasting peace in which the world can finally resume the course of its peaceful destiny." — Havas.

question of United States policy in the Far East comes to a head. The United States can then apply an embargo on supplies to Japan and is in a position to negotiate for better conditions in China.

The opinion of the round-table was against acquiescence in the "Japanese New Order in China" and the American Government has so far shown no signs of compromise or a desire to make things easier for the Japanese Army in China.

SILENT PRESSURE

Indeed, the recent letter of Mr. Henry Stimson, advocating the stopping of supplies to Japan; the resolution of the Senate Foreign Relations committee calling for an embargo; and the Navy's declared intention of improving Guam, and the increases in the Navy itself — all are silent pressure on Japan.

It is clear that a crisis of the first magnitude is coming in the relations between the United States and Japan.

Concluding, Mr. Gram Swing said that the most significant event of the past fortnight has been the quiet acceptance by the people of the United States that their country must have a part in the new peace.

This did not mean they felt it should impose peace, but that they were beginning to recognise their country's responsibility in the Peace to Come.—Reuter.

CHINESE AND YONAI CABINET

THE NEW JAPANESE CABINET UNDER ADMIRAL M. YONAI IS LIKELY TO MEET WITH THE FATE OF THE ABE CABINET IN THE OPINION OF THE LOCAL CHINESE PRESS.

The "Ta Kung Pao" points out that whenever a new Japanese cabinet has been formed in recent years at a time of acute friction, the Japanese ruling class has invariably selected its premier from the Navy as a check to the Army.

However, Admiral Yonai is far behind Admirals Saito and Okada, who headed the Japanese Government before, in ability as well as in prestige. Conditions in Japan to-day are worse than those six or seven years ago. Consequently, the new Yonai Cabinet may be even more short-lived than the Abe Cabinet, because the Japanese political structure is already irretrievably on the way to collapse.

The "National Times" says that Admiral Yonai is hardly a powerful and competent statesman. Although supported by the junior officers of the Navy, he is not on good terms with the diplomats and the Army and has no connections whatsoever with the political parties. It is questionable that he will succeed in stabilizing political conditions in Japan. Furthermore, it is doubtful whether he will be able to dispose of the China war where previous Japanese Cabinets have failed.

The "Lih Pao" is of opinion that the present difficulties of the Japanese Government do not lie in its personnel problem but in its policy. If the policy of aggression in China is not altered, whoever becomes premier will be just as helpless as his predecessors.—Central News.

EUROPEAN'S BAIL ESTREATED

Stewart Charles Coulter, described as attached to the s.s. Fau Sang, was alleged to have been drunk and disorderly in the Central Police Station yesterday.

This morning he failed to appear at the Central Magistracy and had his bail of \$25 estreated.

Inspector Hallam appeared for the Police.

INTERNEES APPEAR IN COURT

Thirty-seven internees taken into custody following the riot in the Argyle Street Camp, made their appearance this morning before Mr. E. Himsforth and were charged with behaving in a riotous manner.

They were remanded for 48 hours at the request of Inspector H. E. Rogers.

BRITAIN'S SECRET SERVICE

The "Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung" devotes a 1,500-word article to a discussion of the methods of the British Secret Service, tracing its origins from the time of Edward III. The writer warns his readers of the power of such departments as "M.I.3." and urges them to preserve the utmost caution in conversation.

Inspector L. R. Whant, of the Police, has reported a collision with car No. 5946, in Playing Field Road near Nathan Road yesterday. No person was injured in the incident.

Clothing to the value of \$80 was stolen from the hostel of Diocesan Boys' School yesterday morning.

Revolutionary Plot In United States

G-MEN MAKE 18 ARRESTS IN NEW YORK: ODD TALE

LATEST TURKISH QUAKE FIGURES

Istanbul, To-day.
The latest Turkish earthquake casualty estimates places the number of dead at over 39,000 people and the number of injured at 20,000.

In addition, 50,000 buildings and homes have been destroyed or rendered uninhabitable.

These figures are gradually growing as rescue parties make their way into the more isolated areas.

The town of Erzincan was the worst hit; here, about 16,000 people were killed.

In the Tokat district alone, 2,000,000 heads of cattle perished and it is feared that an equal number were lost in other districts. Improvement in the weather has enabled roads to be cleared sufficiently to allow access to villages which have been marooned since the earthquake.—Reuter.

SWEDISH VOLUNTEER MISSION

Helsinki, To-day.
General Lindberg, officer commanding the Swedish volunteers, has issued his first proclamation.

He stresses the great task ahead of them and says that they are fighting not only for Finland but for all the northern countries.—Reuter.

INTERNEE CAMP MELEE

An official report in connection with the clash between Chinese soldier internees and the Police on Saturday states that there are:—

"15 internees in Kowloon Hospital,
"25 internees in Camp Hospital,
"37 internees in police custody.

Lance Sergeant Bowers and an Indian constable are also receiving treatment in the Kowloon Hospital.

GERMANY'S EXPORTS OF CARS CEASE

Berlin, To-day.
The German radio announces that Germany's export of motor cars has ceased on account of the war.

This is believed to be the first time that the Nazi radio has admitted that the Allied sea-power is having any effect on German trade.—Reuter.

NEW YORK, TO-DAY.
EIGHTEEN MEMBERS OF AN ORGANISATION CALLING ITSELF THE "CHRISTIAN FRONT" HAVE BEEN ARRESTED BY UNITED STATES FEDERAL BUREAU AGENTS ON CHARGES OF:—

Conspiracy to create a revolution in the United States, to overthrow the Government and to establish a dictatorship, announces Mr. Edgar Hoover, chief of America's famous "G-men."

A small arsenal was unearthed in New York City which, it is alleged, the "Christian Front" intended for a revolutionary purpose.

The arrested persons are said to have functioned as a Sports Club and to have planned a "Reign of Terror" to begin on Saturday, January 20, bringing about the eradication of all Jews and the seizure of public utilities.

The conspiracy called for the bombing of the offices of the Jewish daily newspaper "Forward," the seizure of the Customs in New York City, the Federal Reserve Banks throughout America, and the National Guard.

Mr. Hoover declared that the principal leader among those arrested was John F. Cassidy, leader of the "Christian Front," who is addressed by his followers as "Fuehrer."—Reuter.

WORKING UP SEVEN MONTHS
Later information reveals that Federal agents, in a series of raids, have confiscated bombs, a number of rifles, and thousands of rounds of ammunition.

It is alleged that the conspiracy has been developing for at least seven months.

The investigations are continuing for there is reason to believe that arms for the "Christian Front armies" are concealed elsewhere.

Mr. Edgar Hoover, chief of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, said that he had announced the plot at the request of the retiring Attorney-General, Mr. Frank Murphy.

The conspirators met in the homes of various prominent members, at least one of which is a member of the German-American Bund, while many of the members are connected with the United States reserve forces.

THOUSANDS OF MEMBERS
Mr. Hoover added that the Christian Front had thousands of members, but he refused to give an estimate of the exact number until the completion of the nationwide investigation he is conducting.

He also declined to comment on the possibility of conspiracies in other cities, but indicated that a sweeping investigation was already under way.—Reuter.

NAZI PLANE DESTROYED

London, To-day.
The crew of a London steamer which reached a north-east port state that they saw a German plane which flew over South Shields on Thursday, brought down in the North Sea by British fighters.

The German plane dived almost vertically into the sea and did not rise again, they said.—Reuter.

NEW RELIEF GROUP

Under the inspiration of prominent Hong Kong and Macao Chinese, the Hong Kong-Macao Relief Association will be inaugurated at the Chinese Merchants' Club at four o'clock this afternoon.

Madame Sun Yat-sen, Sir Robert Ho Tung and Sir Shouson Chow have consented to become members of the Association in an advisory capacity, while General Wu Te-chen, Director of the Overseas Board of the Central Kuomintang Headquarters, is to be chairman.—Central News.

OFF THE RECORD

By Ed Reed



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Troops At Alert Stations On The Western Front ALL B.E.F. LEAVE CANCELLED

SUDDEN CANCELLATION OF ALL LEAVE TO THE BRITISH EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES OF AN IMPORTANT NATURE IN HOLLAND AND BELGIUM, WITH THE ROAR OF GUNS ALONG THE MAGINOT LINE SWELLING TO A CRESCENDO, HAVE MADE THE WESTERN FRONT THIS WEEK-END THE FOCUS OF ALL EYES.

MYSTERY PLANES BOMB SWEDEN

Stockholm, To-day.

Mystery planes have been dropping bombs on Swedish territory, at least fifty miles from the Finnish frontier.

The distance from the border seems to rule out possibility of an error.

The Swedish Foreign Office, giving the details in an official statement, announced last night that unidentified planes flew over Swedish territory yesterday morning, including the archipelago between Haparanda and Lulea.

A heavy fall of snow prevented identification.

Several bombs were dropped at Kallaz, six miles to the south-west of Lulea.

The bombs exploded upon the ice. Investigations are proceeding to

Reasons for the new vigilance are somewhat obscure, but they are partly explained by reports of extensive German troop movements, and as a result there has been unusual activity in the air, with extensive reconnaissance operations on both sides.

Fears in Belgium and Holland that the blow apparently intended on land by the German High Command may involve them are obvious from the steps taken in unison in both countries, although official statements seek to minimise their importance.

A Havas report states that the German radio has been alleging flights by Dutch planes over German territory, an allegation categorically denied at the Hague.

Reuter's Paris correspondent states that some anxiety is felt in the Liege region where the troops are in a state of readiness. German planes are flying over the region occasionally, at low altitude.

In a report from Paris, Reuter says that artillery and the air forces have been showing much greater activity than the infantry in the last 24 hours, though the infantry have been carrying out their usual patrol reconnaissances.

The guns have been belching high explosive unceasingly both

to the east and to the west of the Vosges and north of Blitche, in areas where the guns have been firing a good deal in the past few days.

There was much aerial activity on both sides yesterday. German machines made long reconnaissance flights into north-east France and Allied planes were busy over the German front lines, reconnoitring and photographing, while fighting planes protected them overhead.

There was an unusually large number of fighting planes in the air.

LONG FLIGHTS

Besides British flights into German territory, French planes made long reconnaissance flights over almost the whole of south Germany.

The frost prevailing in Europe, says Reuter's Paris correspondent, is not

CAVALRY ON WESTERN FRONT

Paris, To-day.

It is reported that cavalry is now being quite widely used on the Western Front for patrol work and scouting in No Man's Land.

The cavalymen are mostly Spahis from Algeria and Morocco. —Reuter.

GERMAN PRESSURE IN DENMARK

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

Several German high officials, believed to have been despatched by General Goering, have arrived in Copenhagen by special plane, according to a report in the "Sunday Graphic."

The paper suggests that the German officials are entrusted with a special mission to obtain assurances from the Scandinavians that no Allied troops will be allowed to cross their territory on their way to Finland.

Germany is offering in exchange a guarantee not to invade Scandinavia and a promise of an early settlement of the Finnish war.—Havas.

thought likely to have any great effect on Holland's system of water defences. The ice may be strong enough to allow the passage of a certain number of men, but not material such as lorries, guns or tanks.

The War Office announces that leave service from the B.E.F. is temporarily suspended.

It is learned that men at present on leave will not be recalled but that no further leave will be granted for the time being.—Reuter.

GERMAN ACTIVITY ALONG DUTCH AND BELGIAN BORDER

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

POLITICAL CIRCLES here learned with anxious interest the news of the Netherlands and Belgian moves for the protection of their frontiers.

Precise information concerning the extent of the new German threat are not available, but it is pointed out that the German concentrations along neutral borders have not been reduced since November 11, 1939, and the troops are ready to launch an attack at a moment's notice.

It will be recalled that an attack on Holland was postponed some weeks ago when Berlin learned that Belgium was co-operating with the Allies for the defence of the Netherlands and would allow passage of British and French troops for this purpose.

While the Belgian and Dutch precautionary measures are entirely justified by the repeated observation flights of German planes over neutral territory, the arrival of Nazi motorized units at the

Netherlands frontier and the rapid propaganda against the Low Countries, Paris political circles wonder whether the German threat to Holland is seriously meant or whether it is intended merely to divert attention from the real German aims, which may be in Central Europe.

Reliable reports state that military measures have been taken on the Slovak-Hungarian frontier and that important troop movements have been observed in Bohemia and Moravia.—Havas.



These hardy bathers are members of the Polar Bears Club, Leeds, and in winter they continue their swimming in the River Wharfe at Keadby Sands. Photo shows them enjoying a "sunbath" after a dip in the icy waters. (Air Mail Copyright)

BELGIUM ON ALERT

Army Now Taking Orders From The General Staff

NAZI MANOEUVRES FELT TO BE BLUFF: NO CHANCES: MOBILISATION ADVANCES

Belgium, To-day.

"PHASE D" OF BELGIUM'S mobilisation plan has now come into operation. This is almost total mobilisation, as only one more phase remains to be reached.

A certain number of Belgian reservists of the 1920-1921 class and some technicians have been called up, and the Belgian radio has warned all soldiers on leave that they must rejoin their units immediately.

Yesterday, the radio announced the requisitioning of property and of all forms of transport.

Belgian factory workers have been taken over for military duties. — Reuter.

BELGIAN TROOP CONCENTRATIONS

Brussels, To-day.

The general impression in well-informed quarters is that nothing serious has occurred so far. The situation is considered to be slightly easier.

Political circles seem to regard the whole of the German manoeuvres, of troops over the frontier and in the diplomatic field, to be bluff seeking to ascertain how far Belgium is prepared to resist possible aggression.

It is understood, nevertheless, that certain Belgian troops concentrations are taking place in order to counteract the German concentrations, especially in the Aix-la-Chapelle (Aachen) region.

G.H.Q. ESTABLISHED

The bringing into force of "Phase D" of the reinforcement of the Army, means that only one more phase remains to be reached and that is general mobilisation.

One result of the bringing of "Phase D" into operation is the constitution of a General Headquarters. From now on, the Staff of G.H.Q. gives all orders and takes over the functions hitherto performed by the Ministry of National Defence.

Despite a certain atmosphere of tension, life in Brussels is proceeding more or less normally and the streets were full as usual yesterday with crowds at cinemas and cafes well patronised. — Reuter.

AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT

Brussels, To-day.

A statement on the new military measures, issued by the semi-official Belgian News Agency, says:—

"The measures taken shown that the Government is not lacking in vigilance.

"Nothing has been concealed from the public.

"Alarmist reports have been spread both here and abroad. These cannot move our compatriots. Belgium remains calm, but is armed and ready." — Reuter.

ROYAL AIR FORCE READY FOR REPRISALS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

Britain is determined to retaliate in the event of German bombing of the civilian population, according to an aviation expert, states the "Sunday Chronicle."

Many reconnaissance flights over Germany have enabled the Royal Air Force to know exactly which targets to attack should mass raids over Germany become necessary as a reply to ruthless German air raids over Britain. — Havas.

BRITISH TREATMENT OF ENEMY ALIENS

London, To-day.

THE ALIENS TRIBUNALS which have been engaged in considering the cases of enemy aliens in Britain since October, have now, with few exceptions, completed their tasks.

As a result, 436 Germans and 50 Austrians have been interned. These 486 people were placed by the tribunals in Category "A" which meant internment camp.

Some 7,199 Germans and 822 Austrians were placed in Category "B" which exempts them from internment but not from special restrictions.

These impose limitations on the freedom of an enemy alien to change his residence without receiving the approval of the police in advance and prevent him from travelling without a permit more than five miles from his registered address.

In Category "C", which exempts both from internment and special restrictions, were placed 47,285 Germans and 8,597 Austrians.

The numbers interned are remarkably small compared with the last war, at the end of which nearly thirty thousand enemy aliens were in internment camps.

NAZI OPPRESSION

Where the tribunal was satisfied that the Alien was a genuine refugee, it added to the certificate words "Refugee from Nazi oppression."

ARREST OF GERMAN "SPIES"

Paris, To-day.

Despatches received here state that two German spies have been arrested in Holland. One of them is alleged to have been sending daily a meteorological bulletin from a transmitting post installed in a car.

The other is stated to have vainly tried to procure large quantities of motor tyres. — Reuter.

HELSINKI AIR RAID

Helsinki, To-day.

There was another air-raid alarm yesterday morning. Several Soviet planes were seen, but no bombs were dropped on the capital itself.

Adjoining districts, however, were bombed and it is reported that the residence of the U.S. Minister, some 12 miles outside the capital, was wrecked when a large incendiary bomb went through the roof and living room and buried itself in the foundations without exploding.

The American Minister left the house some days ago. — Reuter.

HOLLAND READY FOR ANYTHING

Amsterdam, To-day.

The statement that the suspension of Army leave in Holland does not mean that soldiers on leave must return immediately, was authorised last night.

The order, it is stated, means that no new leave will be granted.

Many soldiers thought they must return to barracks immediately and cancelled their arrangements yesterday unnecessarily.

However, Holland is "militarily prepared" for whatever may happen.

ICE BREAKING UP

Heavy frosts for the past week have produced ice thick enough to bear men and even motor-cars, but not heavy mechanised transports or tanks.

The temperature rose last night and a thaw started to-day.

Big ice floes in the rivers are breaking up and conditions generally would render the movements of a big attacking force very difficult. — Reuter.

ROUND-UP OF FOREIGNERS

Amsterdam, To-day.

Beyond the announcement that it was in view of the unfavourable international situation, no official announcement has been made by the Netherlands Government to explain the sudden cancellation of all Army leave.

On Saturday night, however, there was a large-scale round-up of foreigners in Amsterdam and a number were taken to police stations to have their identities confirmed. — Reuter.

JAPAN AND EGYPT

Cairo, To-day.

An economic delegation has accepted the Japanese Government's invitation to come to Japan at the beginning of March to visit industrial centres, with an ultimate view to the improvement of Egypto-Japanese trade.

It is understood that conversations are proceeding between the Egyptian Government at Yokohama and the Japanese Government at Cairo for the conclusion of an Egypto-Japanese treaty of friendship. — Reuter.

CAUGHT RED-HANDED

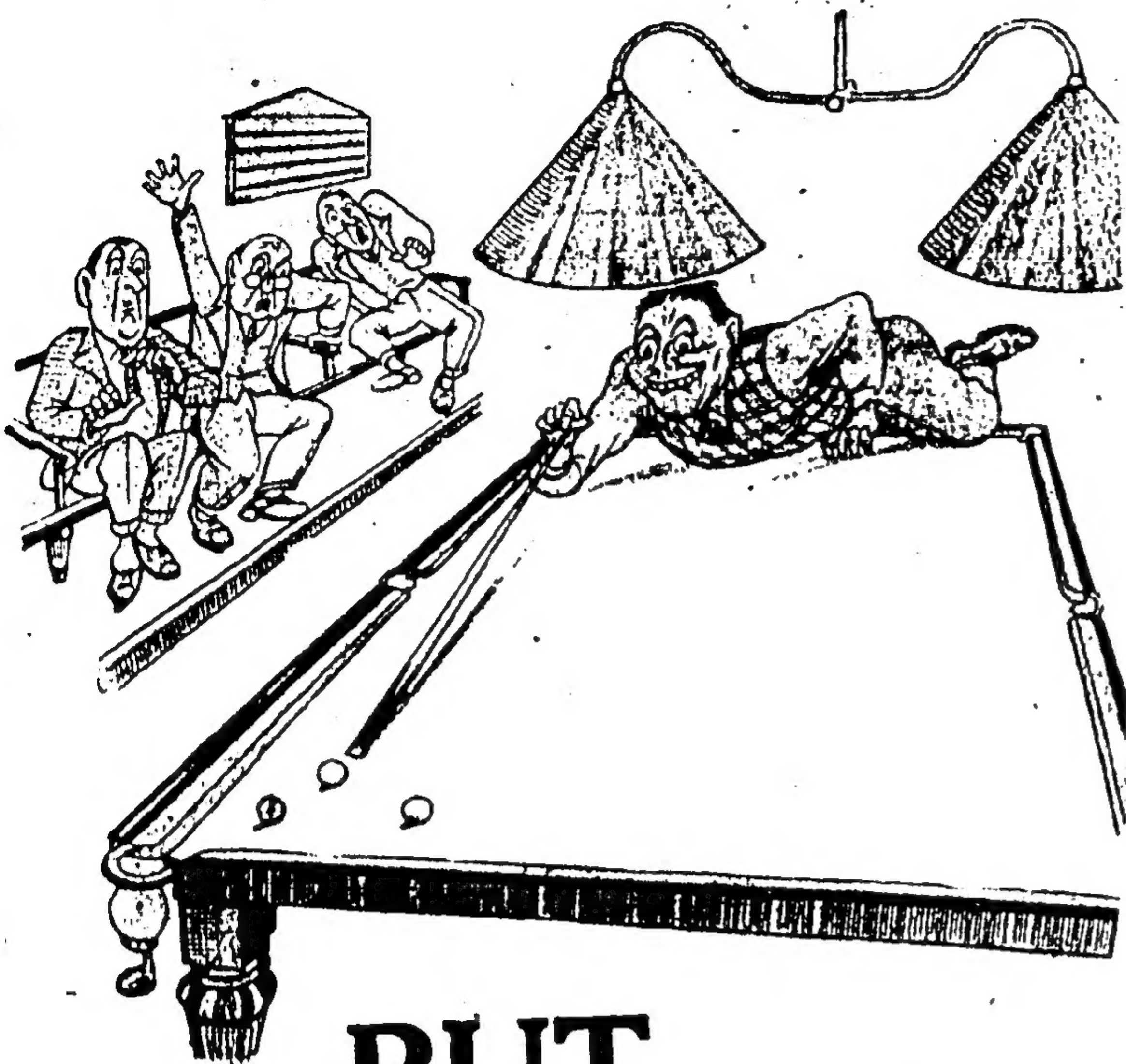
Sentence of four months' hard labour was imposed on Lo Kau, 28, by Mr. R. Edwards this morning, for the theft of \$88 in Denham Strand East, on Saturday.

The victim was changing money at the To Hang Bank when defendant snatched at it. He was caught red-handed, and the money was recovered.

FRACTURED SPINE

An Indian seaman, S. Mohammed, was sent to the Queen Mary Hospital yesterday with a fractured spine. He fell from a mast while he was working on board his ship.

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MIRROR OF WORLD OPINION

GOEBBELS' STOCK

TO BE BROKEN IN GRADUALLY

The enemy has succeeded in striking a shrewd blow at Canada. Canadians have been caught with their guard down, and hereafter the activities of Herr Goebbels will be followed with keener interest. One of the important industries in Canada is the tourist industry. Immediately after the outbreak of war there was a sharp drop in the tourist trade. This caused surprise, because the hunting season is usually a time favoured by visitors, but it occasioned no anxiety. The tourist trade, however, did not pick up in October and November, and only in December did the true cause become clear. Letters began to reach the Government, asking questions. These letters came from most of the large cities of the United States, and the similarity of the questions asked, at once revealed the work of the German agents. "Why is the Canadian Government seizing the cars of American visitors and using these cars for war purposes?" "Is it true that the Canadian Government is taking American money from tourists and giving them worthless Canadian dollars?" and more of that order. The truth is that no change whatever has been made in the regulations governing the entry or departure of Americans, and steps are being taken to make this fact known in the United States. But this propaganda will probably cost Canada \$50 millions in income this year and, unless American tourists can be persuaded of the deception, the loss might almost equal the country's war expenditures in the first year of the conflict. Herr Goebbels' stock is somewhat higher than it was.—"The Spectator."

THE MOOD OF 1917

The mood is 1917 rather than 1914—stubborn and disillusioned, not enthusiastic or idealist. The second point is that the Army is a number of different armies and that what is true of one is not true of another. Friends who have recently been with the British Army in France, tell surprising stories of listening to friendly arguments conducted on terms of informed equality between generals, other officers and N.C.O.'s. There are no buttons to polish at the front and a good deal of the "spit-and-polish" psychology has, thank goodness, gone too. That is an inevitable development in a modern mechanised army, in which a large proportion of the soldiers are independent technicians whose duty is, most emphatically, to reason why. If you drive a tank or operate its guns, you cannot be treated as cannon fodder. The same remark applies very strongly to the Air Force, where the distinction between officers and N.C.O.'s is very much blurred. After all, many men who are now pilot-sergeants were only a few months ago in charge of flying in the aerodromes; they trained the young men who are now officers. The relationship is not that of the old sergeant-major who trained an O.T.C.; for the pilot-sergeants are working day by day together on the same job as the pilots. One airman recently made the point that all enthusiasm was bad for an airman. Here the phlegmatic Englishman who thought of air fighting and bombing merely as a "job," scored over the Nazi airman who, he said, was "nervous" believing that he was carrying out a mission for the Fuhrer and the rest of it. No ideology, no nerves, only the technician's attitude to his day's work. This was the ideal for the airman.—"New Statesman and Nation."

Some of the most amusing passages behind the scenes in the last war came when the War Cabinet got hysterical about the food queues, although they were largely the product of the miserable compromise the same War Cabinet had adopted a few weeks before in preference to rationing, which, it was thought, would encourage the Germans. We are a little less foolish this time, although it is only a week or two since Sir Samuel Hoare was using the same old argument. What matters, of course, is not that we should have to present a card for our supplies of particular foodstuffs but that those foodstuffs should be available to everyone, rich and poor, in reasonable quantity. And that can be assured only if distribution is closely organised. If Mr. Morrison's machinery is as successful as was that in the last months of 1918 we need not fear on that score. There is nothing in the present rations that will impair health or, indeed, seriously alter the standard of living.

The Ministry of Food is wise to stress from the beginning that behind all these questions of supply lie the inexorable limitations of foreign exchange and shipping space. Our purchases abroad have to be selective. Thus in the case of sugar we have bought up the colonial crops but are trying to economise severely on foreign supplies, even to the extent of a reduction of a quarter in our average sugar consumption. The same principle is being applied over the whole range of imports, and as time goes on the Government will have to make a choice between widening the range of rationing to many imported goods that were not rationed during the last war. It is questionable how far the remedy, favoured then and in some favour today, of controlled prices is adequate. But in these matters we move slowly, and it is enough, probably, for the Ministry of Food to start with the present range of necessities. We have to be broken in gradually.—"Manchester Guardian."

IN INDIA

The political controversy sounds the one jarring note, but hopes are held that the existing deadlock will be resolved. In asking the British authorities at this time for a declaration of their intentions towards India the Congress leaders have added to the Viceroy's strenuous task, although the statement recently made by Mr. Gandhi that he has no wish to embarrass the authorities suggests that the Congress leaders do realise the need for an Allied victory to protect their own principles of freedom. Nationalist opinion asserts that the party would play a highly important part in winning the war if only an assurance were given that independence will be "conferred" on India at the end of it. But it is not an obstinate unwillingness on the part of Great Britain which prevents that undertaking; it is because no such assurance can have any reality till circumstances, in India are such as will bring about Dominion Status as a natural and automatic consequence. Nevertheless, in spite of the handicap which this political controversy imposes upon the country, the Indian war effort is one that is deeply appreciated not only in Great Britain but throughout the Commonwealth. The whole group of nations would be greatly heartened if the Congress Party could find its way to reading out a mission for the Fuhrer and the rest of it. No ideology, no nerves, only the technician's attitude to his day's work. This was the ideal for the airman.—"New Statesman and Nation."

THIS ENGLAND!

Stalin's vision won for him the leadership of the Bolshevik Party. This vision, as we saw at the beginning, is based on a fundamental respect for the opinions of others.—"Daily Worker."

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HITLER'S PEACE TERMS

Already Drafted For Presentation To Allies

NAZIS ONLY WANT ALL OF ALLIED AFRICA

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

HERR HITLER AND HERR von Ribbentrop have already drafted the peace terms they are imposing upon "defeated" Britain and France, according to the News-Chronicle.

The terms will be made public in Germany shortly and some Swiss quarters have already been informed on the matter.

The German peace conditions are:—

Firstly, all French and British territories in Africa be handed over to Germany;

Secondly, France to give up Alsace Lorraine;

Thirdly, France and Britain to pay about four billion sterling gold to cover the cost of the war;

Fourthly, Britain to grant the Reich the most favoured nation clause for German trade in the Dominions and India;

Fifthly, Britain and France to grant special financial concessions in order to ensure the Reich's political and economic hegemony the world over; and

Sixthly, France to sign with Germany a 25-year treaty of alliance.—Havas.

B.F.R.D.C. APPEAL

Sir, — The Board of the British Fund for Relief of Distress in China Hong Kong and South China Branch desires to express publicly its sense of appreciation and gratitude to Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming for having undertaken the audit of the accounts of the Fund entirely free of charge.

This Fund was launched in November, 1938.

According to the audited accounts in respect of the period 1st November, 1938 to 30th June, 1939, the amount expended in actual relief during the period amounted to \$316,933.62 and according to the latest accounts the amount expended for actual relief for the second half year of 1939 amounts to \$126,728.56, making a grand total of expenditure for relief from the commencement of the Fund in November 1938, to the end of 1939, of \$443,662.18.

If the Fund were to attempt to undertake relief work on a scale approximating that of 1939 the amount required for 1940 would be roughly \$400,000.00, of which, as the audited accounts show, the amount in hand is roughly only \$59,407.97.

In view of the smallness of the amount in hand, and of the large amount required for relief, the Board of Administrators has very seriously considered whether they should not close the Fund.

But realising the widespread distress prevailing in South China, including Hong Kong, the Board feels that in spite of the numerous other calls on the public of Hong Kong, they would not want this Fund to be closed for want of support, in view of the urgent necessity for its continuance, and that they would readily respond to an appeal, which the Board ventures to make through the Press.

WARRANT FOR ARREST OF CIVIL SERVANT

At the Central Magistracy this morning, a warrant for the arrest of a Government official, Mr. Paul Han-nay Symons, 30, Government Assistant Analyst, was issued by Mr. T. J. Houston, Police Magistrate.

The warrant was issued after Mr. Symons had failed to appear to face a charge of being drunk and disorderly at Gough Hill Police Station yesterday.

His bail of \$25 was ordered to be estreated.

Inspector C. Baysting stated that Symons was brought to Gough Hill Station yesterday.

The inspector attempted to pacify him for about 20 minutes but was unsuccessful. Symons refused to reply when asked his name and, it was alleged, attempted to strike the inspector with his fists.

He was then held until this morning when he was released on bail of \$25.

Symons resides at No. 54, The Peak and comes from South Africa.

NEW USE FOR FUND

London, To-day.

According to a Lisbon press message, the results of subscriptions in September for the erection in Lisbon of a statue of Mr. Chamberlain as a tribute to his efforts for peace will, according to the wish of Mr. Chamberlain, as expressed through the Ambassador be applied to public charity under the direction of the "Diario de Noticias" with the consent of the Portuguese Government.

It has been resolved to donate a portion of the money to the erection of a Maternity Hospital in Lisbon.—British Wireless.

AIR RAID ALARM IN SWEDEN

Stockholm, To-day.

Haparanda had its first air-raid warning yesterday, owing to a raid on the adjoining Finnish town of Tornaa.—Reuter.

All donations will be gratefully received by the Fund's Bankers—The Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation,
M. K. LO,
Hon. Secretary.

NORWEGIAN MINE VICTIM

Oslo, To-day.

Only five survivors are reported from the Norwegian steamer, Fredville, which was sunk after a mine explosion in the North Sea yesterday.

The Fredville, a vessel of 1,150 tons, carried a crew of 16, of whom eleven are missing, and are feared to have perished.—Reuter.

FLOOD OF IMMIGRANTS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Washington, To-day.

A record number of immigrants, since 1931, entered the United States last year, the total being 82,998. The increase it is stated was mainly due to the Reich's annexation of Austria and Czechoslovakia.—Havas.

U.S. MINE DISASTER

Bartley, W. Virginia, To-day.

Seventy-six bodies have now been recovered from the scene of the mine explosion disaster.

Rescue parties have now reached the centre of the region of the explosion, which cost 92 lives.—Reuter.

ARMoured TRAIN WRECKED

A Japanese armoured train struck a Chinese mine at Fengtsun, on the north section of the Paiping-Hankow Railway in Hopel, last week. Many were killed and wounded.—Central News.

400 PLANES IN RAIDS ON FINLAND

Helsinki, To-day.

Four hundred Soviet planes took part in raids on Finland on Saturday, the regions visited being chiefly in south-west Finland and the fighting zone on the Karelian Isthmus.

Ports and railway junctions were again bombed.

The poor results are largely due to the fact that Finnish fighters and anti-aircraft gun units forced the Russians to fly high and broke up their formations.

Finnish planes are said to have successfully attacked Soviet columns on the march.

It was announced officially late on Saturday night that 13 people had been killed and 17 wounded in the Soviet air-raids.—Reuter.

WINGTIP TO WINGTIP

LONDON, TO-DAY.

IT IS REPORTED FROM "SOMEWHERE IN FRANCE" THAT AIR MARSHAL BARRATT YESTERDAY TOOK OVER HIS DUTIES AS AIR FORCE COMMANDER IN CHIEF, BRITISH AIR FORCE IN FRANCE.

His first official act was to sign a special Order of the Day announcing that the British air forces are united under one command and adding: The one ideal that inspires us is to do our utmost to win the war. We will work wingtip to wingtip with the Allied air forces to bring the war to a speedy and decisive conclusion.—Reuter.

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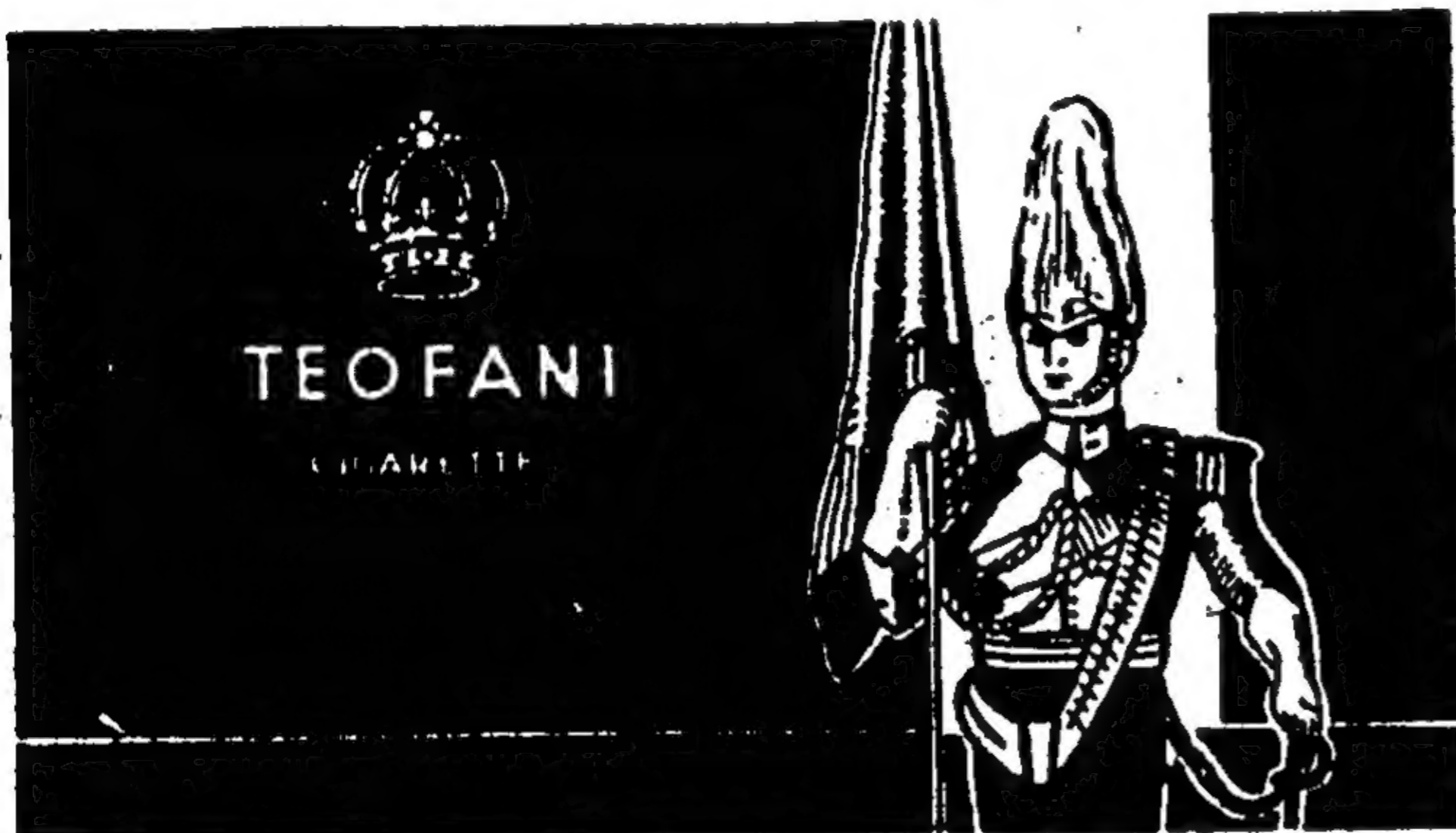
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THE BRITISH AT WAR: THE EMPIRE'S SHARE

By VISCOUNT SAMUEL

Never in all history has there been so strange a construction as the British Empire. Covering a fourth of the land area of the earth and comprising a fourth of its inhabitants, this so-called Empire bears no resemblance at all to any of the uniform military States which have borne that title in the past. Including every variety of race, it includes also every kind of constitution. Under the shape of a monarchy its leading members enjoy the fullest democracy. There are many colonies with mixed constitutions—representative Councils combined with central control. There are primitive communities which are still under the rule of Governors. In Asiatic and African territories there are hundreds of Princes and Chiefs, exercising the sovereignty traditional in their lands. The participation of the Empire in the present war reflects the variety of its composition.

The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland bears the chief responsibility and provides most of the military, industrial and financial resources. But it is not always realized that, of the white population of the British Empire, a third lives and works in the five great self-governing Dominions. For every two people in the United Kingdom there is another in the Dominions. Fully self-governing, free from the last vestige of the old control from London, each one shaping its own course in its own way through its own Ministry and Parliament, which is of equal status with the Ministry and Parliament at Westminster—the Dominions differ in their contributions to the total effort.

Canada is whole-heartedly in the War. At the outset there was doubt as to the attitude of the great province of Quebec. Its population largely French and strongly Catholic, Quebec has always had its own point of view. The Provincial Government that was in office was lukewarm, indeed cold, favouring abstention. In October a general election took place which clearly showed the feeling of the people. It resulted in a crushing defeat for that Government, and its replacement, with a majority, by a new Administration, pledged to bring Quebec into full co-operation with the rest of the Dominion.

The resources of Canada, of all kinds, are vastly greater now than at the beginning of the last war. The capital invested in industry, the acreage under wheat, the exports, have all more than doubled. The Canadian production of nickel—a vital requirement in modern war, has multiplied fivefold; it constitutes nearly nine-tenths of the world's supply. Gold has multiplied sixfold, and now shares second place in the world's production. All these resources, and many others, can be drawn upon to meet the vast war requirements of Britain and France. As yet there is no demand for great numbers of men to take the field. Two divisions of Canadian soldiers

are being made ready for dispatch overseas; some have already arrived in England. In the last war, Canada furnished 400,000 soldiers, although at that time the Province of Quebec was half-hearted. To-day, if need be, she would certainly send at least as many, and probably far more.

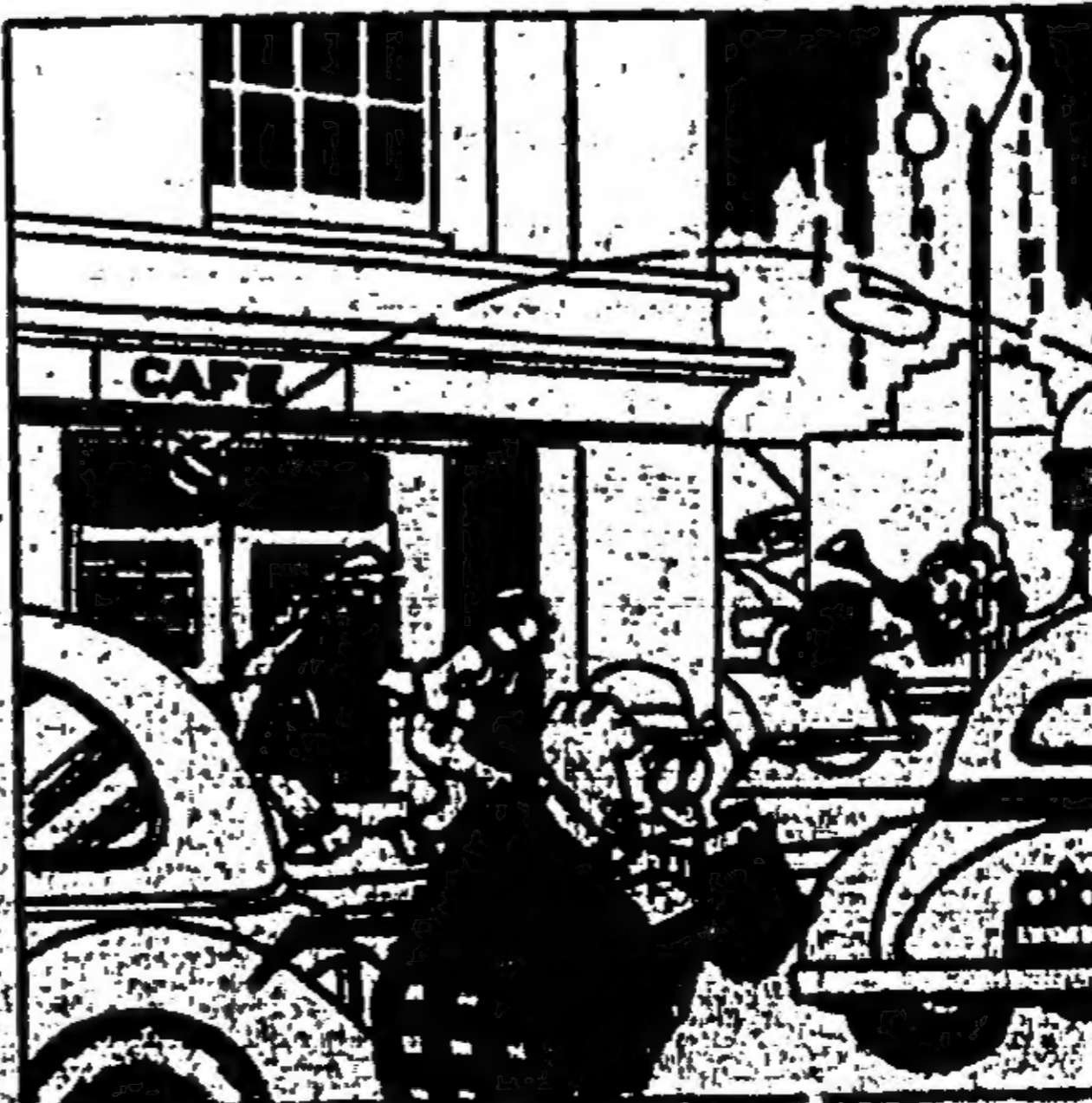
Australia and New Zealand, from the first hour, have been keen to help in every way. In both Dominions the whole nation is of one mind on the merits of the issue and the duty to take part. Here again there are immense supplies of food-stuffs and raw materials to be drawn upon. The United Kingdom Government has bought the whole of the Australian and New Zealand wool-clips, and a large proportion of their metals, wheat, dairy produce and meat. In addition, through the ordinary trade channels will come great quantities of other materials needed for war purposes. The Australian Government has recently announced that sales to the value of £100,000,000 have already been made. Early in the New Year the first division of troops is expected to arrive from Australia, and the first New Zealand force as well. The gallant part played by a ship of the New Zealand navy, Achilles, in the famous battle with the Graf Spee, is known to all the world.

Throughout the Commonwealth the vital importance of air-power is fully realized. Preparations are being made for the launching of air-fleets, which, if the war lasts and the need is there, may number tens of thousands of planes. The Prime Minister of Australia has announced that his Government alone propose to recruit 10,000 pilots, and 15,000 other flying officers; and there is no doubt that the men will be forthcoming. An agreement has been made between the Governments of the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia and New Zealand for a joint Air Training Scheme, under which schools are being established in each of those Dominions, and final training schools, sixty-seven of them, in Canada, where the conditions are eminently suitable. Already a Canadian fighter squadron, and an Australian bomber squadron are taking their places in the first line of the air defences of Great Britain; while a number of individual airmen from the Dominions have won great distinction in the air combats that have been fought.

In South Africa there is not the same unanimity. Among the large Boer population a considerable part, nursing the memory of past unhappy conflict with Great Britain, are unwilling to enter the present war at her side. Nevertheless the voting in the freely-elected Parliament has shown a substantial majority in favour of participation. The Government that was in office has been reconstituted accordingly, under an illustrious

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Bringing Up Father



By George McManus



CHRISTMAS WITH THE BRITISH TROOPS IN FRANCE—The orderly officer wishes the men the compliments of the season during the festivities on Xmas Day. (Copyright, Fox).

THE BRITISH AT WAR: THE EMPIRE'S SHARE

(Continued from Page 10)

Prime Minister of Boer race. The Dominion is rapidly expanding its air force. It has announced its readiness, not only to provide for its own defence, but also to share, if the occasion should require, in the defence of neighbouring African territories.

The two smaller Dominions, Newfoundland and Southern Rhodesia, are also rendering valuable assistance to the Navy and the Royal Air Force to the extent of their capacities.

The unique character of the British Commonwealth could not be more clearly displayed than by the position of Eire. It has long been a matter of discussion and of controversy whether it would be possible in International Law for a British Dominion to remain neutral in a European war in which the Sovereign of Great Britain was one of the belligerents. Events have settled the matter. The King of Great Britain is at war, and Eire, which has not repudiated its status as a member of the British Commonwealth, has declared its neutrality. It was hoped that Ireland would have put aside the old and bitter quarrel in view of the greatness of the present crisis and the gravity of the issue for all mankind. But it has not proved to be so, and the fact must regretfully be accepted.

In India there is a wide measure of participation. Immense resources of men and material are available and will be forthcoming. But here again difficulties arise. The Congress Party, by far the largest political organization in India, is in controversy with the great Mohammedan community, of over eighty millions of people, with the Ruling Princes, and also with the British Government. While anxious not to impede the war effort, it withholds a formal support. But this much is quite certain. Whether in India, in Eire or in South Africa, there is not the smallest sympathy or support in any quarter for Nazi Germany. The ideas of Hinduism are the very opposite, in every respect, to the ideas of Hitlerism. The Nazi attitude to the smaller nations and to the established religions is abhorrent, to Indians, to Irishmen and to Boers alike.

The British Colonies—as distinct from the Dominions—and distributed in all parts of the globe, are unanimously, and keenly in support of the common cause. Messages of loyalty, offers of personal service and of material resources, have come from every quarter. Here again vast supplies are available. The export of tin and rubber has been stimulated. The United Kingdom Government has bought great quantities of such products as oilseeds, sugar and tea, as well as the whole of the West African crop of cocoa.

Palestine, so long a centre of disturbance and outrage, and a grave embarrassment to Great Britain as Mandatory, is now quiescent. Arabs and Jews, though still at variance, are no longer at blows. They too

EXCURSION FLIGHT

London, To-day.

Mr. Anthony Eden and Mr. Stanley Bruce went for a short flight in one of the giant Sunderland flyingboats used for coastal reconnaissance work by Australian airmen.

They were piloted by Australians.—Reuter.

are in full agreement at least in this—anxiety not to see a German victory. The whole Arab world, indeed, has clearly declared itself of that mind. Most of the British military force that had to be employed in Palestine to restore order and to maintain it, is now free for other purposes.

Taken as a whole in rapid survey, with its varied capacities, with its differences of outlook and manner and degree of co-operation, this is how, frankly stated, the British Empire stands in the present great ordeal.

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CONTRAST OF ATTITUDES

LONDON, TO-DAY.

THE MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC WARFARE HAS ANNOUNCED THAT THE ENEMY EXPORTS COMMITTEE HAVE GIVEN PERMISSION FOR THE DELIVERY OF A LIGHT AND WHISTLE BUOY OF GERMAN MANUFACTURE ORDERED BY THE ICELANDIC AUTHORITIES.

The decision to allow passage of this lifesaving material accords with the Committee's policy of not interfering with humanitarian activities on which civilised life is based.

It will be remembered that German airmen three days ago attacked a lighthouse tender while she was conveying relief crews to light vessels off the East Coast.

Referring to the incident, a correspondent in "The Times" contrasted the attitude of King Louis XIV with whom we were at war in the Eighteenth Century when his men captured some British lighthouse men. The King ordered their release saying: "Their work is for the benefit of all nations. I am at war with England not with humanity."—British Wireless.

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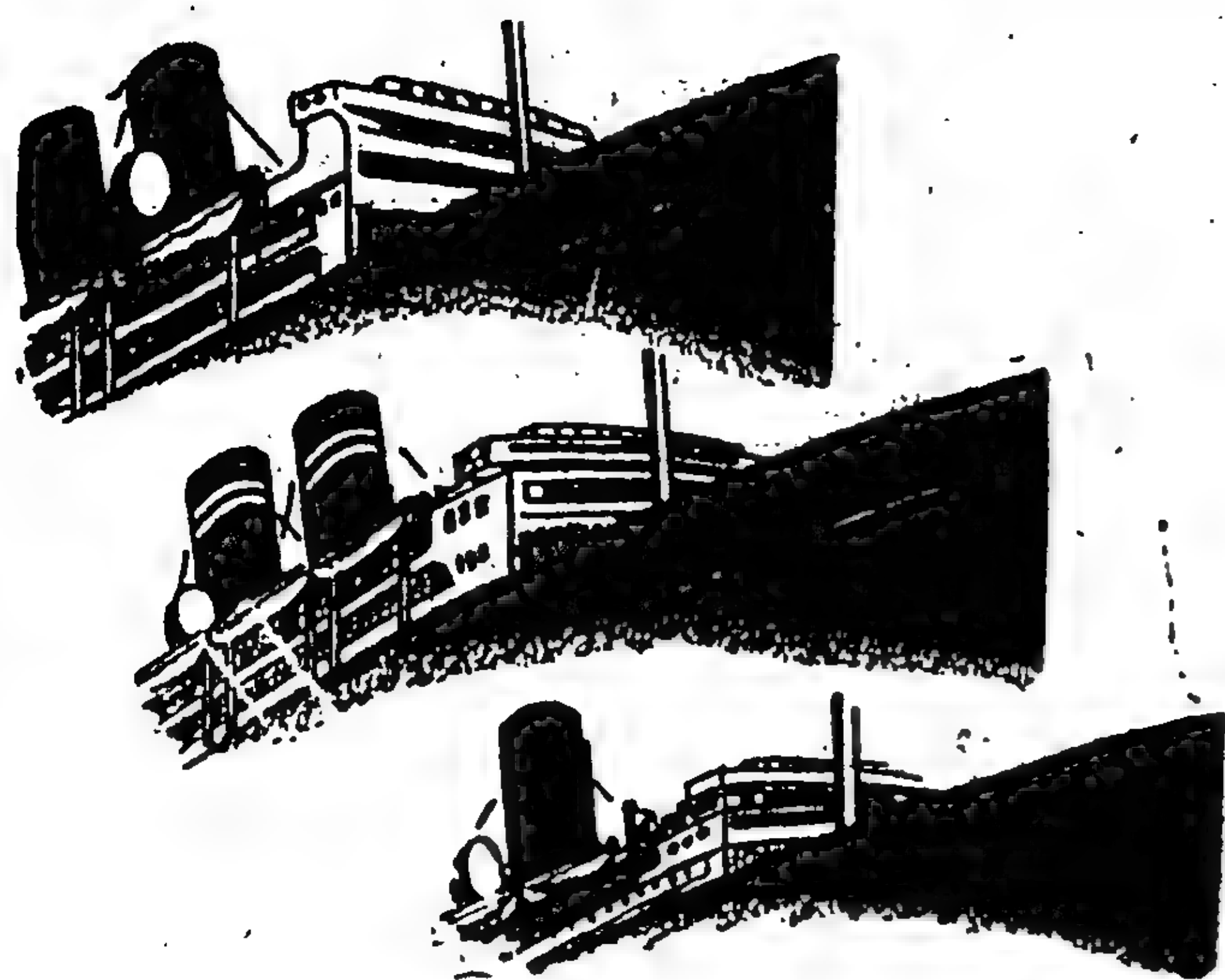
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Fort Bayard	Jan. 15, 3.30 p.m.	
Saigon, Madang, Salamaua, & Rabaul.	Jan. 15, 7.00 a.m.	
Canton	Jan. 15, 7.00 a.m.	
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Fort Bayard and Haiphong	Tues., Jan. 16, 10.00 a.m.	
Bangkok	Tues., Jan. 16, 10.30 a.m.	
Batavia and Sourabaya	Tues., Jan. 16, 10.30 a.m.	
Manila	Tues., Jan. 16, 1.30 p.m.	
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	Reg., ... Tues., Jan. 16, 5.00 p.m.	
	Ord., ... Tues., Jan. 16, 5.30 p.m.	
	G.P.O.	
	Reg., ... Tues., Jan. 16, 5.00 p.m.	
	Ord., ... Tues., Jan. 16, 7.00 p.m.	
	K.P.O.	
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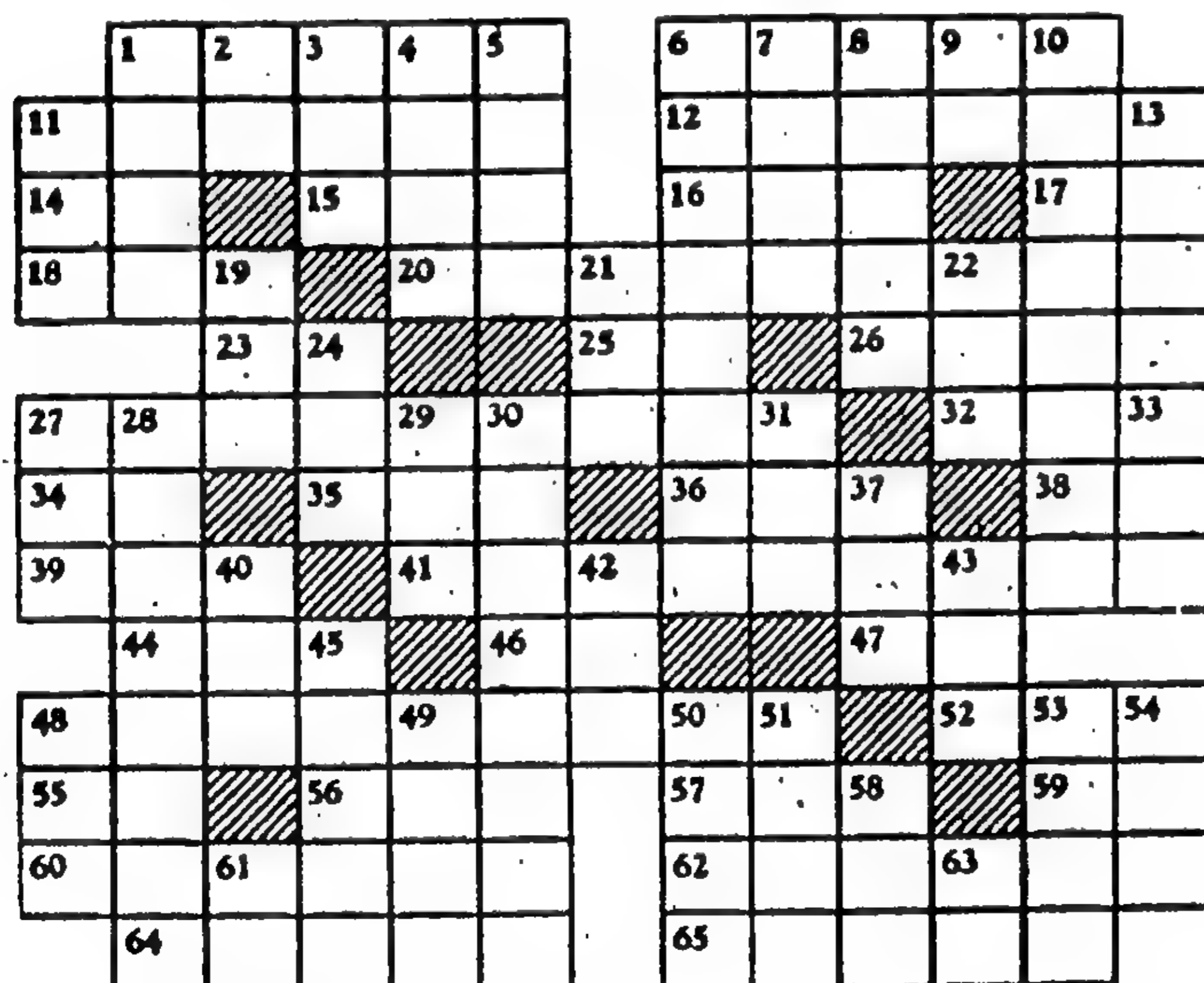
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14. Conjunction
15. Objective
16. Rested
17. French article
18. To colour
20. Computes
23. Eskar
25. Paid notice
26. Fortune
27. Vied
32. Hole
34. Mulberry
35. Craft
36. Burr
38. Hawaiian bird
39. To write
41. Giving back
44. Sloths
46. Behold!
47. Nook
48. Light entertainment
52. Negative

VERTICAL

55. Hypothetical force
56. By way of
57. Serpent
59. Note of scale
60. To choose
62. Hardened
64. Hindu princess
65. Spanish gentleman

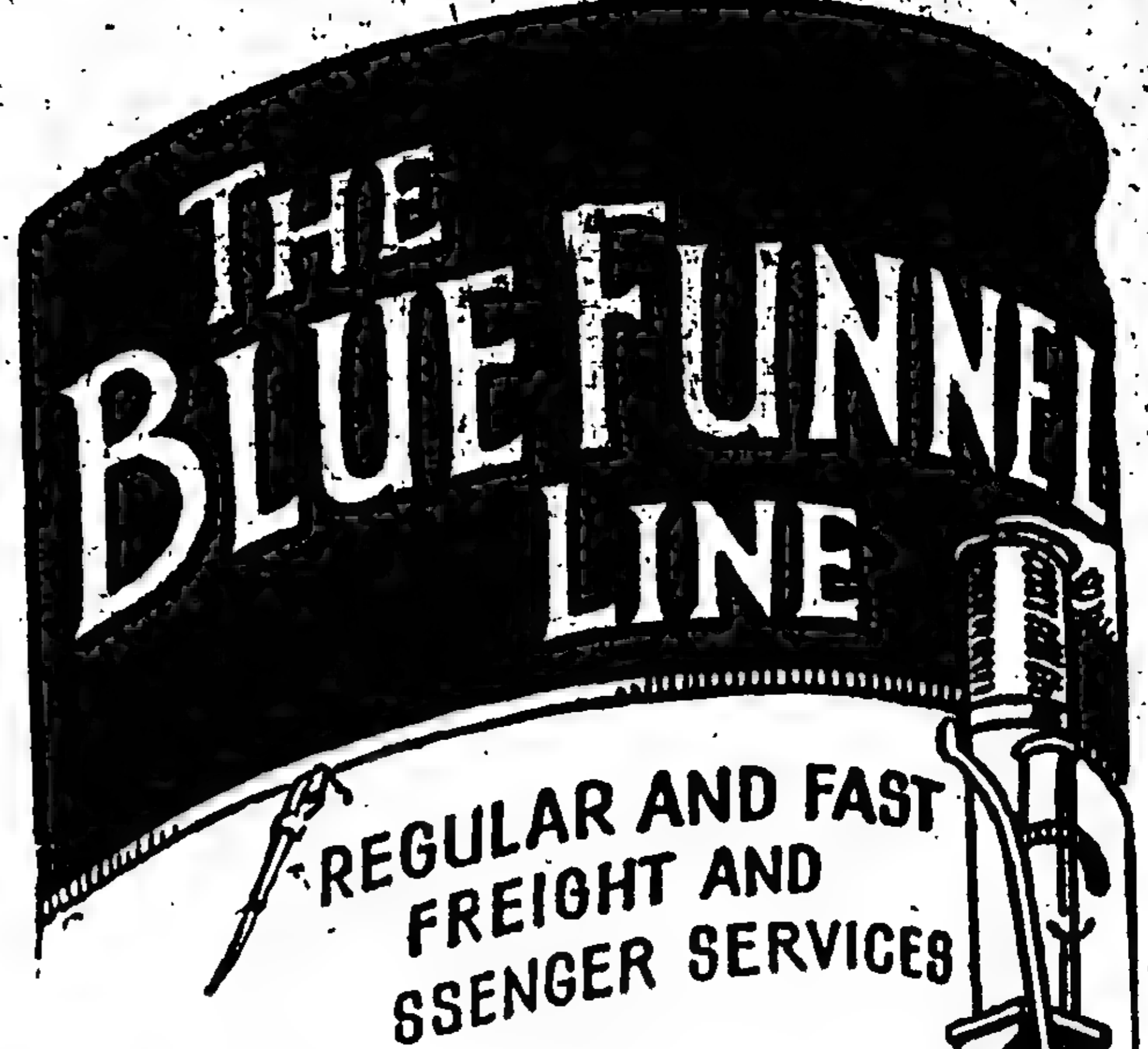
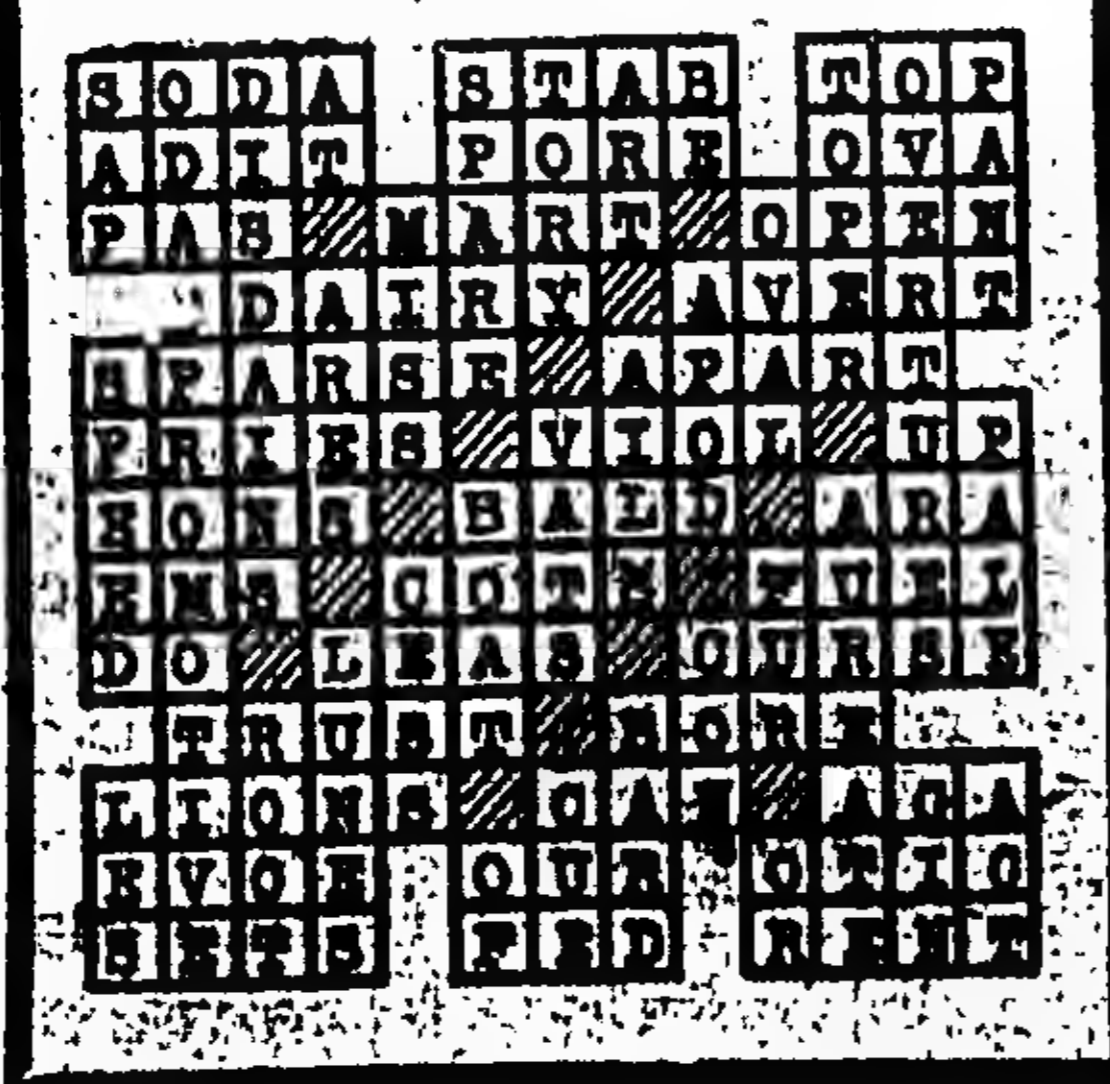
VERTICAL

1. Active
2. That man
3. Card
4. Elegant
5. Spreads for drying
6. One who dwells in a place
7. Man's name
8. Essential
9. Latin conjunction

10 Erasure

11. Turf
13. French for "of the"
19. Vast age
21. To make edging
22. Upper part
24. Music: as written
27. Top
28. Poisonous shrub
29. To mistake
30. Resembling a star
31. Piece for two
33. To dress
37. Prefix: three
40. Insect egg
42. French coin
43. Tavern
45. Number
48. Butterflies
49. Grain
50. Platform
51. Saxon slave
52. German river
54. Fox
58. Play on words
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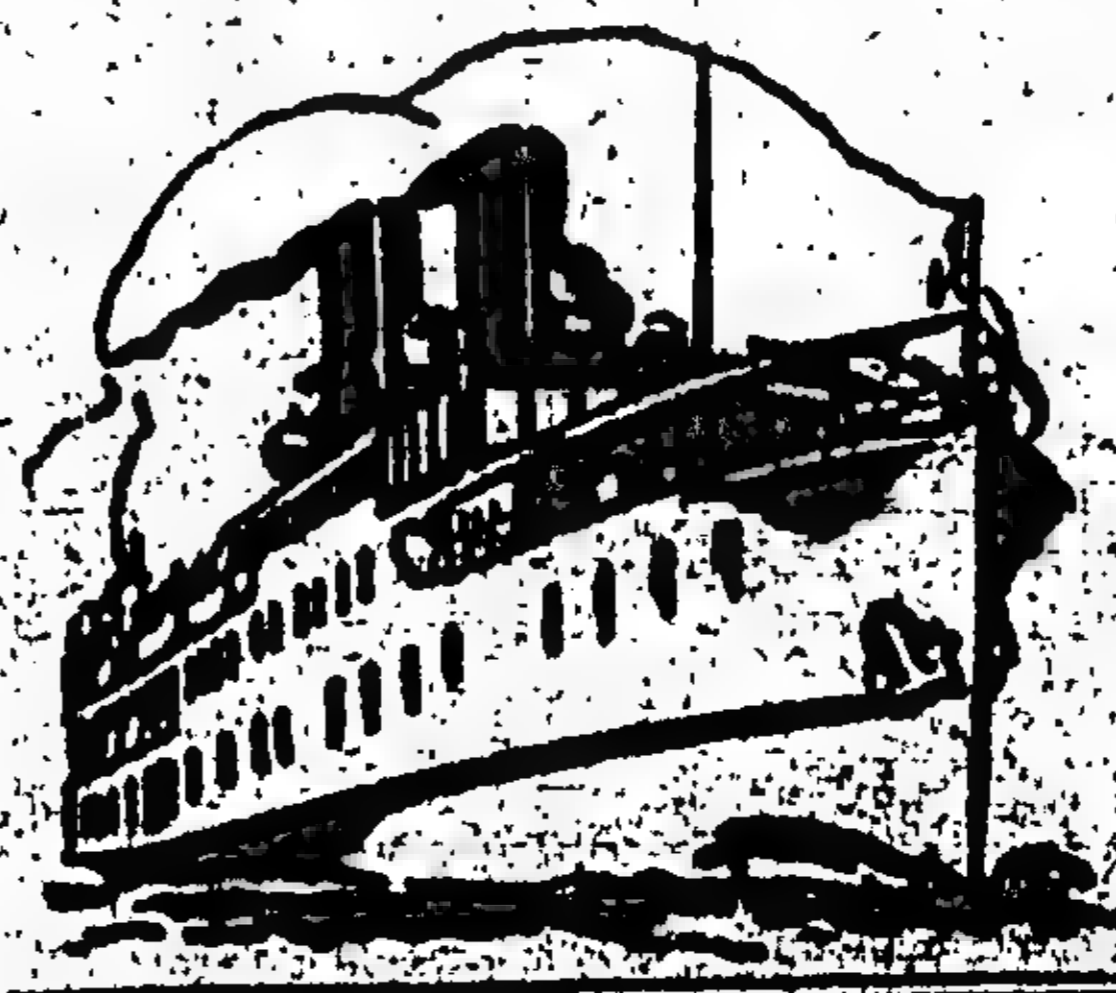
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COMBINED SCHOOLS WIN

Combined schools beat Craigen-gower Cricket Club by 67 runs in a friendly cricket game at the Valley yesterday.

Combined Schools 153: — (F. A. Weller 47, W. Pryde 23, Hulse 4 for 14).

C.C.C. 86: — (W. Hong Sling 24, Arcull 5 for 19).

NEW GERMAN ACTIVITY IN POLAND

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

Further indication of So-viet-German military under-standing is seen in the pre-sence of German detach-ments in Soviet occupied Poland.

The Russians explain this by stating that the Germans are watching the railroad leading to Rumania, but the general belief here is that that the presence of German troops is due to an agreement between the two Gen-eral Staffs.

From a political point of view, this fact is highly significant if it is to be remembered that in September last the Russians hastened to occupy the Rumanian border, aiming to prevent the Reich's attempt to control Ruman-ia's oil exports by land.

Apparently, as a result of her dif-ficulties in the Finland affair, Russia is now prepared to grant Germany larger advantages.—Havas.

FIGHTING IN KWANGTUNG

Shiuhing, To-day.

The Chinese north Kwang-tung counter-drive continues to make good progress.

Chinese forces in Fahsien are in relentless pursuit of the Japanese along the Canton-Hankow Railway and east of the line.

Both Kuntien, Japanese stronghold 25 miles north-west of Canton, and Kunyiu, 15 minutes north-west of Canton, are being attacked.

In the vicinity of Kwoktaihu, Chin-ese forces scored of minor gains dur-ing week-end, seizing four field guns and nine machine-guns. The Japan-ese have retreated to the south-east. —Central News.

A VISIT TO HANKOW

Hankow, To-day.

The United States Consul-General here intimated yesterday that Mr. Nelson T. Johnson, the American Am-bassador, will arrive at Hankow on January 29 with Rear-Admiral Glass-ford.

They will leave for Shanghai on February 1.

Mr. Johnson will be the first Ambassador to visit Hankow since the Japanese occupation. — Reuter.

R.A.M.C. RUGBY

The following have been selected to re-present No. 37 Company, R.A.M.C., in a match versus Navy "A", to be played at Causeway Bay to-morrow, kick off 4.15 p.m. Pte. Morgan; Pte. MacDonald, Cpl. Han-lan, Pte. Wigglesworth and Pte. Milne; Pte. Whybro, Cpl. Edge; Cpl. Van Millingen, Cpl. Chandler, Pte. Furnell; Pte. Bishop, Capt. Curran; Pte. Mohan, Pte. MacKay, and Pte. Minney.

LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar to-day was 1/2 13/16.

The London on New York rate was quoted at £ — U.S.\$4.0250 and the New York on London rate at £ — U.S.\$3.97-1/8.

NOTICE

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The Annual General Meet-ing of the above Club will take place on Thursday, 18th January, 1940, at 8 p.m. All members cordially invited.

REAL LIFE DETECTIVE TRIUMPHS

THE DEATH OF MARIE PALLOT

The city of Havre, France, was as silent in the grave at 2 o'clock in the morning on Oct. 12, 1939. The gendarme, making his nightly rounds, was trying the doors of the houses that lined the Passage des Murthurins. He reached the knob of the door of the dwelling occupied by Marie Pallot. To his surprise it yielded, moved inward. He walked slowly along the corridor until he came to the dining room. There a sight met his gaze that sent shivers up and down his spinal column.

Marie Pallot sat by the table with her head on her arms — cold in death. An examination showed she had been struck on the head with a blunt instrument. The room was upset. The open door of a cupboard indicated robbery. A careful search revealed no clues. The following day the chief of police, being at his wit's end, called upon Professor Reiss, an authority on criminology and a lecturer at Lausanne University, to help him with the problem.

The professor came that afternoon, a

By
GEORGE BARTON

quiet, unobtrusive gentleman, but filled with nervous energy. After listening to all the police could tell him, he went to the house, examined it minutely. His first act was to pick up a splinter of wood on the inside of the threshold. It was covered with blood.

"The blood of the murderer," he said calmly. "He obviously cut his finger when he forced in the door. When you get your man you will find that his hand is cut."

He indicated four drops of human blood and a number of grease spots on the floor. When the police laughed at this he said, quietly:

"The murderer was carrying a lighted candle. They are the drip-



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pings from it."

Last of all he picked up two long bits of red hair near the chair where the woman had sat. He said they were from a man. They were rough, bristly, probably came from his mustache. The professor scooped up some of the candle grease from the floor, saying that the candles were not made in France.

Specimens were sent to the Surate in Paris. Back came a report asserting they could have been made only in Sicily. As a result the professor deduced that the murderer was a sailor, that he came from Sicily, that he had a red mustache, that he had cut his left hand and that the motive of the murder was robbery.

It was found that a ship called the Donna Maria had arrived from Sicily only 48 hours before. The police hastened to the vessel. Professor Reiss went with them, but remained in the background. Most of the crew were ashore, but the police hid themselves in a sentry box on deck and watched for the sailors as they returned, one by one.

Presently a huge, rough fellow, in ragged clothes, came aboard. There was a cut on his left hand and he had a bristly red mustache. The chief of police touched him on the shoulder. "You are wanted for the murder of Marie Pallot."

He did not turn pale or tremble. Instead he fought the chief of police and was taken only after a severe tussle during which four men battled with him. When he was searched they found the stump of a candle in the pocket of his pea jacket. It was made of the same material as was in the candle grease found on the floor of the murdered woman.

Eventually Reddy Fortarazzo — that was his name — confessed. He said he had gone to the house of Marie Pallot, and finding her asleep had robbed the cupboard. She awoke as he was leaving and in the struggle he had struck her on the head with a heavy slugshot.

Professor Reiss modestly disclaimed any special credit for the triumph of justice, but the fact remains that it would still be a mystery had it not been for the deductions he made from two bristly red hairs and a few blotches of candle grease.

ALLIES' TACTICS

"This war is not an adventure, but the discharge of a great duty," declared Mr. R. B. Bennett, the former Canadian Premier, on his arrival at New York aboard the s.s. Statendam en route for Canada.

"There are varying views as to the conduct of the war," he told reporters, "but I think it is realised in the main that the Allies followed not only the sound course but the one best calculated to gain an early victory."

"A careful and prudent course has been followed in conserving manpower."

"The British people are calm, determined and serious. This is the most important effort they have been engaged in since the days of Queen Elizabeth."

CHUNGKING BANK NOTE ORDER

Chungking, To-day.

The four Chinese Government banks have announced that in order to prevent the Japanese from collecting and disposing of large quantities of bank-notes for foreign exchange, all bank-notes overprinted with the names of places in occupied areas will not be accepted as ready cash by branches in Shanghai, but may be exchanged for demand drafts on either Chungking or the place of issue concerned.

With the exception of Shanghai, where special conditions prevail, however, these notes are freely accepted in the interior places.

Occupied area notes of the four banks and Chinese banks under the above ruling do not include (1) Central Bank notes issued in Hankow in 1926, (2) Bank of China notes issued in Hankow and Changsha and (3) Bank of Communications notes issued in places outside the Great Wall.—Central News.

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phony Orchestra.
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Op. 34.
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London Philharmonic Orchestra
conducted by Eugene Goossens.
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News.
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather
Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—This Week's Programmes.
8.07 p.m.—An hour of Variety.
Piano—Charlie Kunz Piano Medley
No. D. 30. Intro: Don't worry
'bout me; Our Love; And the an-
gels sing; Especially for you; An-
gels never leave Heaven; Good-
night, my darling, goodnight....
Charlie Kunz with rhythm accomp.
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Trees (McNaughton)..... Frank
Crumit with Orchestra.
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walian Rose—Medley.... Kane's
Hawaiians.
Vocal—The Shabby Old Cabby
(Simon-Stilman)..... Elsie Car-

lisle with Orchestra.
Tango—This Is The Kiss Of Rom-
ance; Waltz—Love In Your Eyes
.... Eugene Pini & His Tango Or-
chestra with Vocal Refrain.
Vocal—I Never Realised (Gideon);
For Love Alone (Slevier, Thayer)
.... Bing Crosby with Orchestra.
Two Planos—Passepié (Delibes—
arr. Alleyne-Leonhardt); Destiny
—Waltz (Baynes)..... Alleyne &
Leonhardt.
Cinema Organ—Whispering of the
Flowers (Blon); Magic Chimes—
Intermezzo (Rust).... Marcel Pa-
lotti with Hawaiian Guitar.
Vocal—The Old Covered Bridge
(Billy Hill); Night On The Water
(Lombardo & Others).... Layton
& Johnstone with Piano.
Gipsy Band—Hungarian Gipsy Party
(Cards Selection); The Magic of
the Hungarian Puszta.... The
Hungaria Gipsy Band.
9.05 p.m.—STUDIO — Comments on
Recent Events.
9.15 p.m.—LONDON RELAY — News
Summary.
9.30 p.m.—B.B.C. RECORDING —
"Who's Hooper?" Book by Fred
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10.30 p.m.—DANCE MUSIC.
11.00 p.m.—CLOSE DOWN.



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PROTECTION NEEDED

To-day's hand involves a question
of bidding tactics. North and South
have the more powerful hands and
should record some profit. As a
matter of fact, they can make a
Small-Slam-in-clubs, but it is very
difficult to arrive at in view of West's
opening bid.

West, Dealer
Neither side vulnerable

♠ Q 6 5 3
♥ 2
♦ A K 7
♣ J 8 6 4 3
♠ A K J 10
♥ Q J 10 4
♦ 9 5 2
♣ K Q
N
W
S
♠ 9 8 7 4 2
♥ 8 6 5
♦ Q J 10 3
♣ 10
♠ —
♥ A K 9 7 3
♦ 8 6 4
♣ A 9 7 5 2

The bidding:

West	North	East	South
1♠	Pass	2♠	8♥
Dbl	Pass	Pass	Pass

Let's analyse the bidding. West's
opening spade bid was very sound,
and North was too weak to overcall.
While East's hand was
worthless as far as
high cards were con-
cerned, his distribu-
tion warranted a raise.
And of course South,
with a good two-
suiter, had to risk a
bid even at the range
of three. West then
doubled three hearts,
thinking he had caught South for a
substantial set. However, all he
could win were two heart tricks, a
diamond and a club, and his oppo-
nents scored a game.

East's pass to the three-heart double
was cowardly. He had nothing to aid
his partner, defensively except the
diamond Queen, and at the same time
had so many spades that he was

bound to "kill" his partner's tricks in
that suit. East therefore should have
taken out the double to three spades
purely as a rescue bid. Had he done
so, we doubt that South would have
had the temerity to show his club
suit. It would then be up to North
and he might well have doubled three
spades — in fact we think that he
should.

On proper defence three spades
would be set three tricks for a net
penalty of 400 points, but this would
be better than the doubled heart
game the opponents made and cer-
tainly a huge saving as compared
with the club Slam which they never
even approached.

Saturday you were Merwin
Maier's partner, your side was vulner-
able and you held:

♠ 7 4
♥ A Q 6 3
♦ K 8 6 2
♣ K 10 3

The bidding:

Maier	Burnstone	You	Schenken
1♠	Pass	1♥	1♠
Dbl.	Pass	(?)	

ANSWER: You should pass. The
penalty should be at least 500 points,
and a Slam is unlikely.

Score 100% for pass, 70% for two
notrump, 0 for any other bid.

QUESTION NO. 308

You are Howard Schenken's part-
ner, neither side is vulnerable and
you hold:

♠ 8 6 3
♥ 9 8 5
♦ A 9 7 6 4
♣ A 6

The bidding:

Schenken	Jacoby	You	Burnstone
1♠	10	(?)	

What do you bid? (Answer
tomorrow.)

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TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP

LADIES' DOUBLES SEMI-FINAL RESULTS

The Semi-Finals of the Colony's
Women's Doubles Championships were
decided at the United Services Recrea-
tion Club yesterday. Miss M. Grit-
fiths and Mrs. Chiu Chun-chiu beat
Mrs. Sweeney and Mrs. W. Knight
6-2, 6-3, and Mrs. Hyde and Mrs.
Lifton beat Mrs. Lade and Mrs.
Churchill 6-1, 6-2.

NAVY "A" XV

Following will represent Navy "A"
against R.A.M.C. to-morrow at Cause-
way Bay at 4.15 p.m.:

Midshipman Roe; Mne. Jeffries, Mid-
shipman Teare, A. N. Other and Sub.
Lieutenant Kennedy; Stoker Gallagher
and Midshipman O'Riordan; L. S. A.
Palmer, Ldg. Wtr. Barlow, Ldg. Sig.
Ingalls; A. B. Jeffrey, A. B. Longmuir;
A. N. Other, Chief Writer King and

NEW POLICE FORWARD

(By "SCRUM-HALF")

On Saturday next the Club Inter-
port Rugby team will be tested by
Army at Sookunpo, while Police will
meet Club "A".

Police will probably have Wright-
North, a wing forward, on view. He
has just come out to the Colony and
has played County Rugby. A product
of Hendon Police College, he has also
played for Metropolitan Police.

Riddell is looking for a scrum-half
in the event of Luscombe being in-
jured, and I understand Luscombe
will be playing at forward on Satur-
day, and Morrison will be given a trial
at scrum-half.

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Davis, Tel. Bowden and S. B. A. Ad-
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PLAY WELL FOR LOSERS

AFTER HOLDING EASTERN to only one goal in the first half, St. Joseph's crumpled under the pressure in the second period and were defeated by 4 goals to 1 in their First Division game on the Club ground yesterday.

Saints fielded a strong team which included A. V. Gosano in the pivotal position and C. Marques at right back.

D. Alves was not able to turn out at the last moment and W. Maher filled his position on the left wing.

The Saints played well in the first half and had no reason for not being in the lead as they had several scoring chances during that period but Leonard was slow and missed them. Added to this Castilho failed when well placed.

There was little combination in the Saints' team, Hussain, at right half, could not quite understand A. V. Gosano's play and was continually wandering towards the centre with the result that Hau Ching-to had plenty of scope.

Added to this Hussain was playing a restrained game and seldom used his weight as he should.

A. V. Gosano, at centre half, covered the centre well and it was left to the Eastern wingers to make any raids on the Saints' defence. Honnibal, at left half, played a sound game and with L. Woo had the full measure of the dangerous Chan Yung-sum.

R. Marques, who came into the team in place of Tsang, gave a creditable display in goal, though he was at fault with the first one as he could have easily covered the centre.

Maher, on the left wing, was not at home in an unusual position while Pereira had his ankle injured in the first minutes of the game and was, in consequence not at his best.

T. Castilho, on the right wing, was starved and when he did obtain the ball sent over some good centres.

The Eastern forwards found the Saints' defence to top form in the first half and were seldom dangerous, as their attacks were easily held. The Saints had their share of the attack and Kong King-seng and Hsu King-seng saved the Eastern side with their tackling and clearances.

In the second period the Saints were on the offensive in the opening minutes but could not score. Eastern were now concentrating on the left wing and Hussain had a busy time.

Eastern scored in the first half through Lee Tak-kee and in the second period Chung Yung-sum and Hau Ching-to (2) added further goals, B. Gosano scored for the Saints.

St. Joseph's:—R. Marques; C. Marques, Ng Tak-wing; Hussain, A. V. Gosano, Honnibal; Castilho, B. Gosano, D. Leonard, Pereira and Maher.

Eastern:—Lau Hin-hon; Kong Shin-king, Tsang Chung-wan; Lau Chi-cham, Hsu King-sing, Lo Wai-kuen; Chung Yung-sum, Cheung Kam-hoi, Lee Tak-kee, Chan Ying-kuen and Hau Ching-to.

SATURDAY'S SPORT IN
RETROSPECT

ALTHOUGH Hong Kong Ladies did not quite get there, they certainly have every reason to be satisfied with their showing against the Caer Clark champions on Saturday.

Beaten in their first fixture by the large margin of five goals, they only went down to a goal—a rather fortunate one it might be added.

When ladies' hockey in the Colony was first put on an organised basis Hong Kong were acknowledged as the strongest team in the League. Since then they have had their ups and downs. At the beginning of the season it was definitely down! Such was thought would be their standard that their coach tried to persuade them to enter the Brawn Cup.

They were not having any; preferring, probably for the sake of tradition, to fare badly in good company rather than to distinguish themselves in an inferior competition.

Their confidence in themselves has been justified. They have improved progressively with each match they have played. Now they cannot be ranked lower than third, and I personally, am of the opinion that they will finish up in the runners-up berth.

"Y", without several of the players with whom they started the season, appear to have been somewhat demoralised. They were given a severe shaking up recently when Recrelo held them to a draw.

Their game with Hong Kong can have given them little cause for self-satisfaction. Nevertheless they have now assumed such a commanding lead in the table that they can afford to meet with a reverse or two.

C.B.S. missed a great opportunity of beating their old girls when they led at the interval and generally had the better of exchanges territorially.

Until they rid themselves of their dreadful habit of dilly-dallying in front of goal,

however, they are going to have many such disappointments.

The frightful state of the ground probably had a lot to do with their inability to get a shot in at goal without a great deal of manoeuvring—the factor that lost them the game.

Two girls, however, have little need to reproach themselves for their part in the proceedings. They are Miss Betty Goodwin and Miss Rousseau. The former is a speedy, determined full-back with a clean hit; the latter is one of the best little spoiling half-backs I have seen for a long time. They should go far.

Having regard to their record and their performance against C.B.A., considered their strongest challengers, I

shall be very surprised if Argonauts do not earn promotion in this, their first season in League hockey.

They are a very businesslike outfit, fast on the ball, adequate in combination and most direct in their methods.

Their convincing win over C.B.A. marks them as being in a class of their own in this type of hockey and as most of them are in their early teens, they should be ready for the senior League by next season provided they maintain their present rate of progress.

Just one point arising from the Argonauts-C.B.A. game: Mrs. Mackay would do well to rid herself of her habit of under-cutting. One of these days she is going to inflict a serious injury on one of her opponents.

D.G.S. have climbed from obscurity in recent matches and now occupy quite an exalted position in the League table. They did very well to beat Recrelo having regard to the recent showings of the latter team, and, I might add, there were no incidents!

Following the Triangular Rugby Tournament matches, Saturday's game between combined Club and Police and Combined

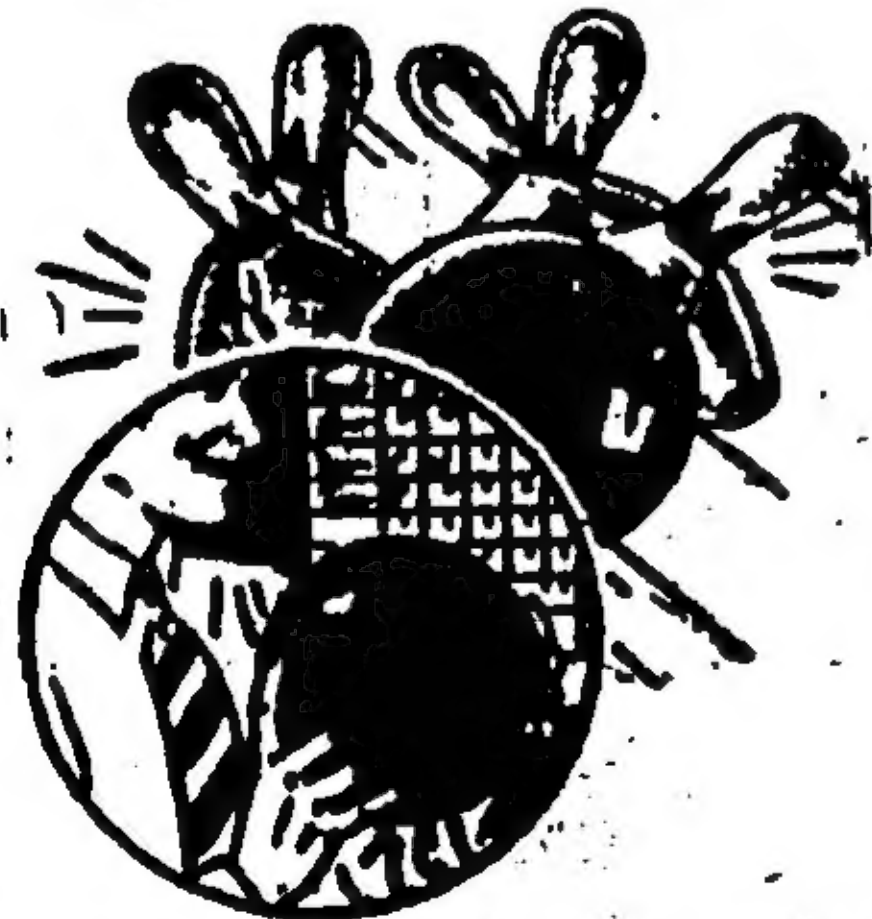
RUGBY Services was most disappointing, and one was given the impression that many of the players were stale.

Bidwell scored a fine try, Needham was at his best, Burford hooked well for three-quarters of the game, but that was about all that could be said regarding the civilian team. For Services, Stevens was deadly in his tackling and Taylor, Pinkerton, Cuthbertson and Wright were prominent at forward.

The "A" game proved that Carruthers should have been given a trial in the first fifteen—he was the most dangerous three-quarter on the field. Henderson played well at the base of the scrum, and Heasman and Richardson caught the eye at forward. Boe was the livewire of the Services side.

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BY BEST BALL

In the illustration, Helen Hicks and Lawson Little are doing an excellent job of staying down to the ball. Even though the sphere has been dispatched on its way both golfers have retained the body position assumed at address. Naturally their chin is not pointed back of the ball, at the particular moment registered here, because the right shoulder has come through and forced the head to turn gradually toward the



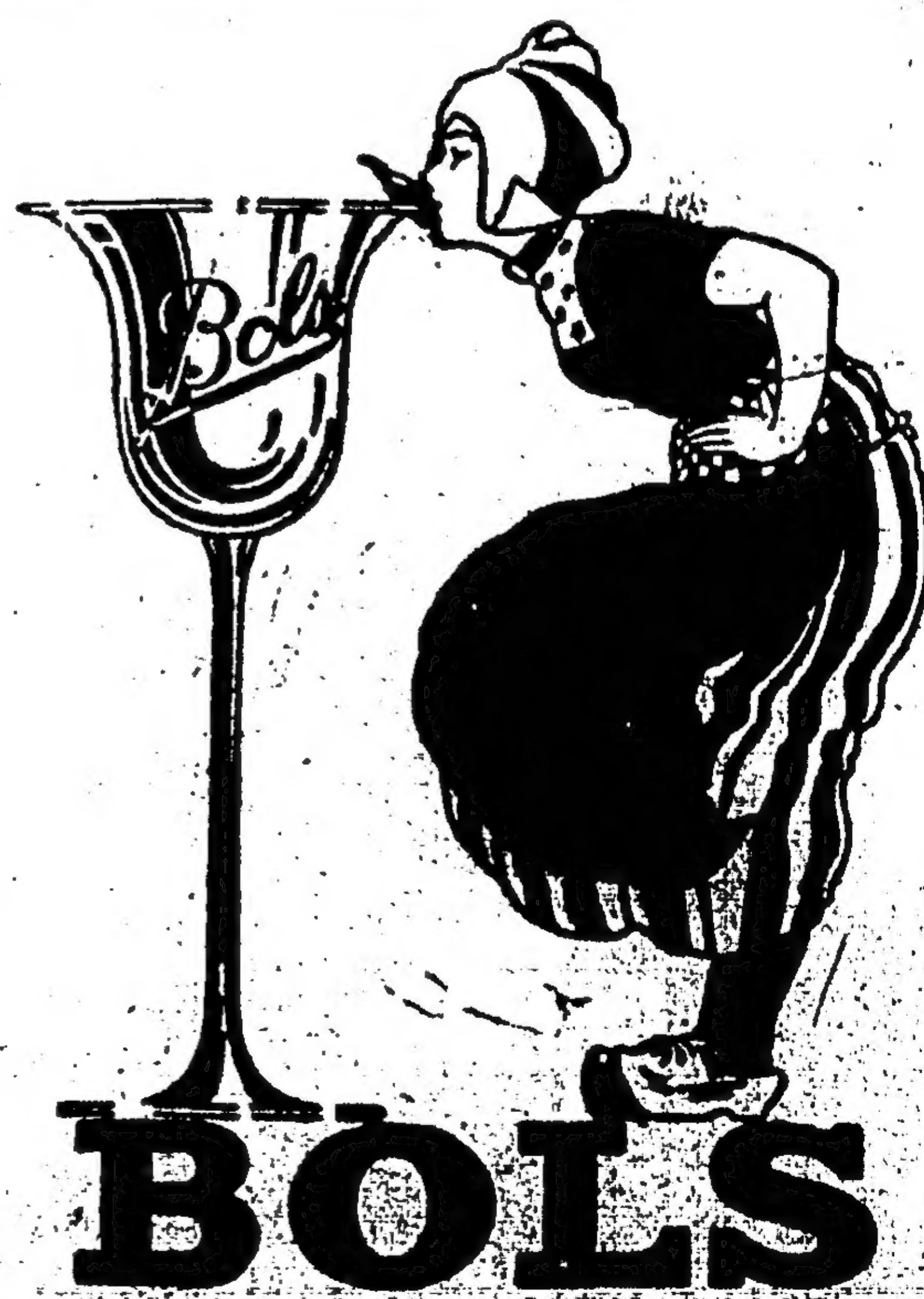
path of the ball. This gives a margin of hitting safety that is all too often neglected by the ordinary player.

For instance the duffer is prone to raise his body as the clubhead descends, either by unconsciously straightening it or rising on the toes at the moment of impact. The result is a disturbance to the clubhead's path so that impact is rarely true. Overanxious to see where the ball is going they lift their heads oftentimes before the sphere has been hit.

HEAD DOWN

Utilise the winter months ahead by practising the art of keeping the body position constant during the stroke and keeping the head down until well after impact. Hit the ball against a firm left leg as the golfers above are doing. This will have a tendency to discourage these errors.

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SATURDAY'S SPORT IN RETROSPECT

(Continued from Page 17)

The Royal Scots are to be congratulated in being the first team this season to inflict a defeat on South China "A", the champions. The Scots played well as a team and fully deserved their narrow win. Last year the Scots obtained two points from South China "A" after being beaten in the first game by a big margin.

It seems that the Third Division title will go to 24th Royal Artillery, if they can maintain the present form till the end of the season. Their feat

yesterday was brilliant as South China had fielded a strong side.

South China and 30th R.A. are struggling for the "A" section honours of the Second Division though South China are in a better position at present.

Engineers were not expected to go down to Kwong Wah on Saturday and have greatly jeopardised their chances of finishing at the top.

University, after a long absence from football owing to Examinations and holidays, did well to secure their first points at the expense of Kowloon. The game was a treat to watch not be-

cause of the standard of football, but because of the spirit in which the game was played by both sides.

The heavy sentences meted out by the Emergency committee last week seems to have the desired effect as no cases of misconduct were reported this week-end.

SOUTH CHINA "B" WIN

At Caroline Hill, South China "B" defeated Police by 4 goals to 3 in the First Division of the Football League. Howlett, Wong Man-kwai and Ferrier scoring for the Police and Chan Tak-fai (3) and Kwong Ying-kee for South China.

24TH R.A. IN SOUND POSITION

In the important Third Division game, 24th R.A. enhanced their chances of the title when they beat South China, their closest rivals, by four clear goals.

Atkins scored all the goals for his side, one of which was from penalty.

VOLUNTEERS BEATEN

Club de Recreio beat Volunteers by 62 runs in a friendly cricket game at King's Park yesterday.

Recreio 170. — (G. N. Gosano 35, E. M. L. Soares 72, McLellan 6 for 72). Volunteers 108. — (Haymes 46, Ozorio 3 for 33 and C. N. Gosano, 3 for 27).



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The Hague, To-day.

The explosion was one of several that have occurred recently. An eye-witness told the "China Mail" of one explosion, in which the mine struck a rock "as big as a house" and blew it to pieces.

Nearly \$26,000 was added to the total of the British War Organisation Fund, Hong Kong Branch, during last week, a notable contribution being that of Mr. Haakon J. Wallem, of Bergen, who is well known in Hong Kong and gave \$10,000. The sum of \$2,137.85 raised by the Navy, Army and Air Force Christmas Draw at the China Fleet Club was especially noteworthy as being the outcome of the efforts of the men themselves. Chinese contributions, large and small, are most numerous in the list. General Wu Tschan has given \$3,262.64, while \$1,980.70 was received from the St. Andrew's Society Scottish concert.

Stockholm, To-day.

Details from Lulea of the visit of mystery raiders show that at least nine bombs were dropped. No damage was done.

Eight foreign planes were reported over Alhambra flying to the north at a great height.—Reuter.

Helsinki. To-day.

It is officially stated that heavy bombings occurred all over the country yesterday, with Hango and Tammisaari as the chief sufferers. Tammisaari was raided five times. All communications with Hango have been severed. It is reported that all the population of Tammisaari had taken shelter in A.R.P. trenches and that there were no casualties, although the Russians tried to machine-gun them.

Forty bombs were dropped at Espoo and three hundred on Rajamaki. Slight damage was done when six bombs were dropped on Helsinki. — Reuter.

London, To-day.

No information has yet been given to explain the order for suspension of B.E.F. leave. — Reuter.

Behind the diversion into Hong Kong of the Soviet steamer "Selenga" which was intercepted off Formosa by a British warship, the "China Mail" learns to-day, lies the interest of the British authorities in the destination of a large cargo of wolfram.

It is understood that the Selenga's cargo included approximately 2,000,000 kilos of wolfram, valued at over £250,000, and although it was loaded by the Selenga in Manila, reports indicate that it was shipped to Manila from Hong Kong in smaller consignments.

The ship when she saw the British warship coming up at high speed, endeavoured to get into Formosan territorial waters, but she could not raise speed much above eight knots and she responded promptly on reading the signal "Heave To."

She was on her way to Vladivostok from Manila when she was diverted into Hong Kong.

Her Russian captain registered a protest as soon as the Salenga was boarded, and the "China mail" learns, since arrival in Hong Kong, the captain has cabled to Moscow reporting the incident and asking the Soviet Government to secure release of the ship.

Wolfram is the most important element in the manufacture of tungsten steel, and it is presumably the possibility that it was destined for Germany via the Siberia Railway that aroused the interest of the Contraband Control authorities in the Far East in the cargo.

It is understood that the cargo of the Selenga also include antimony, equally important in the manufacture of munitions.

A sensational report in the "Sing Tao Jih Pao" this afternoon states that Wang Ching-wei has sent an agent from Shanghai to prepare the way for establishing the new "Central Kuomintang Government" in Canton.

Six further Kowloon cases of small-pox are reported, over the week-end. A case of scarlet fever is also reported from Kowloon.

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